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BEIRUT (AP) - The Palestinian peace talks delegation leader said in an interview published Saturday that he personally advocates suspending the talks because of the absence of progress with Israel. But Haidar Abdul talks, now in their 10th round, would jeopardise the unity of Arab countries involved in the corocess. "I'm still personally against participating in the talks, and I believe it's better to adthey did not produce any prog-ress," Dr. Abdul Shafi said in an newspaper. "However, the suspension of the talks would be endanger the Arab unity," he

Israel to 'legalise' 5,000 Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Israel is going to legalise the status of about 5,000 Palestinians in the occupied territories as part of a family reunification programme, israeli negotiators said here Saturday. Palestinians were informed of the decision Thursday during a meeting of the committee on human rights in the occupied territories, said an Israeli delegation source at the 10th round of Middle East peace talks in Washington. The Israeli government's decision affects mainly women and children who were given three-month visitor permits which expire at the end of September to enter the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Iran insists on Islamic approach

Minister Ali Akbar Velavat values." Mr. Velayati told repor-

Robinson fuels row

BELFAST (AFP) - Irish President Mary Robinson remained unrepentant Saturday in face of a diplomatic row about her meeting here with Republican leader Gerry Adams. The meeting Friday during which Ms. Robinson said aring which ivis. Adams' hand has sparked a major controversy as some British sources fear it could jeopardise delicate negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland. And it was revealed that British Prime Minister John Major had registered his disapproval of her visit with Irish Premier

says he will quit

in Tokyo on July 10

TOKYO (AFP) - U.S. President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin will meet in Tokyo on July 10 a day after an annual summit of Group of Seven (G-7) heads of government has ended, Kyodo news agency said Saturday. Kyodo, quoting Russian diplomatic sources, said Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin during their second meeting are to discuss issues including nuclear disfarmament and U.S. aid to Russia. They first held talks in Vancouver, Canada in April.

President promises strong role in peace process; strain in ties seen put behind

Combined agency despatches

WASHINGTON — President

Bill Clinton has told His Majesty

King Hussein that he planned to

take a more direct role in Middle

East peace talks and both said

tangible progress was possible

Mr. Clinton and the King held

their first meeting and it was clear

the new president was trying to

put behind him the strained ties

between the United States and

Jordan over Amman's refusal to

back Washington in the 1991 Gulf

relationship between the two,'

Dee Dee Myers.

said White House spokeswoman

importance of strong enforce-

against Iraq," she said. "The two countries will continue to work

closely in pursuit of that goal.

Ms. Myers said Mr. Clinton

and King Hussein reaffirmed

"The two leaders discussed the

this year.

Shafi said a postponement of the journ the negotiations because interview with the daily Al Hayat very difficult because it could

CRANS, Switzerland (R) - Iran reaffirmed on Saturday that it could not accept a declaration proclaiming a universal approach to human rights at a United Nations conference in Vienna. Foresaid consensus on a final document in Vienna could not be reached unless other countries Libere accepted that Muslim counries had the right to maintain Islamic values. "It has to be accepted that we observe human rights in the framework of Islamic values. We are not ready to compromise on the issue of Islamic ters at a forum on Eastern Europe in the Swiss resort of

over Adams meeting

Albert Reynolds earlier in the

Ukrainian premier

MOSCOW (AFP) - Ukrainian Prime Minsiter Leonid Kuchma said Saturday he planned to resign next week at the start of the next sitting of parliament, Itar-Tass news agency reported. It would be his third attempt to resign in as many weeks. Speaking to metallurgists in the southeastern city of Dnepropetrovsk, Mr. Kuchma said his decision was based on the move by President Leonid Kravchuk to create a seven-minister committee to run the country to avoid an economic

Clinton, Yeltsin meet

died on June 5.

the Gulf war and indicating the same sensitivity on the subject, it tor," it said in a statement handsaid "collateral damage" — that ed out a briefing. is civilian deaths - had been

"President Clinton reaffirmed

achieving tangible progress in the Middle East peace process this

that the United States is committed to serving as a full partner, an honest broker in these historic negotiations," she said.

Mr. Clinton, Ms. Myers said, also told the King that "he was going to take a real direct role in it and we look forward to prog-

Asked to elaborate on the direct role, Ms. Myers said only that Mr. Clinton "plans to just make sure that the process moves

"We're moving toward a good Questioned about the progress peace talks under way in shington, King Hussein said we are still a long way from getting there, but there is no other alternative." ment of United Nations sanctions

King Hussein expressed hope that the Palestinians would be "able to speak for themselves and contribute their share in shaping the peace that is comprehensive their shared commitment to and that is so very, very impor-

It was the King's first visit to the United States since Mr. Clinton took office in January.

Mr. Clinton emphasised the importance of Jordan's enforcement of U.N. sanctions against neighbouring Iraq, Ms. Myers said, but she declined to comment on the recent media reports about Jordan's role during the

"We talked a lot about the peace process," Mr. Clinton said as he bade farewell to King Hussein. "I learned about the King's position. He learned about the United States' position. We talked a little about Iraq and the imperative nature of continuing to enforce those sanctions and being very tough on them."

Mr. Clinton said they also discussed efforts to democratise Jordan and modernise its economy.

"We talked a little about Iraq and the imperative nature of continuing to enforce those sanctions and being very tough of them," Mr. Clinton told reporters after King Hussein's motorcade car-ried him away.

Highly positive signs after King-Clinton meeting

But privately, senior officials made clear this was not viewed as a serious impediment to U.S.-

"I believe the government of Jordan is working hard to enforce U.N.-mandated sanctions against Iraq. There've been some lapses but these have generally been corrected when pointed out to senior Jordanian officials," a senior administration official

About \$35 million in U.S. economic aid for 1992 and 1993 is still frozen pending congressional approval which would follow certification by the president that Jordan is complying with the

The money must be approved by Sept. 30 but no date has been set for the issue to be raised in

The King, 57, is to check in to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for tests next week. The meeting came two days

after reports that said Jordan gave military help to Iraq during the Gulf war including the sharing of intelligence information.

A White House official said Mr. Clinton did not raise the report with King Hussein, and Ms. Myers said there was "good personal chemistry between the Also attending Friday's private talks were Secretary of State

Warren Christopher and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake. Questioned after the meeting whether the U.S. administration had asked Jordan to apply the Iraqi embargo more vigorously, Mr. Lake simply stated that the importance of the sanctions had been discussed.

Ms. Myers said Mr. Clinton and King Hussein also discussed Jordan's progress toward democratisation and respect for human rights, she said, adding that the president expressed his support for King Hussein's "courageous" efforts in this regard and noted that "this work will encourage

long-term stability and prosperity in Jordan."

During a photo opportunity in the Oval Office earlier in the day, Mr. Clinton appreciation for the "support of the peace process that the King has demonstrated so consistently.'

"I have the feeling that maybe all the parties have now concluded not that they have no differences, but that there is no alternative to peace," Mr. Clinton said. "And if we do see this thing through and find some resolution, that will be in no small measure because King Hussein for so many years has persistently pushed us toward peace. And the United States will do what it can to help achieve that."

Following is the text of a state-

President Clinton and King Hussein of Jordan held a productive meeting which lasted for two hours. The two leaders discussed a wide range of issues, including prosperity in Jordan.

achieving tangible progress in the Middle East peace process this

President Clinton reaffirmed that the United States is committed to serving as a full partner and honest broker in these historicnegotiations. He stressed that negotiations are the only viable path to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace between Israel, the Arab states and the

Palestinians. The two leaders discussed the importance of strong enforcement of United Nations sanctions on Iraq. The two countries will continue to work closely in pur-

suit of that goal.
The president and King Hussein also discussed Jordan's progment released by the White ress toward democratisation and House following King Hussein's respect for human rights. Presimeeting with President Clinton: dent Clinton expressed his support for the courageous efforts of King Hussein in this regard, and noted that this work will encourage long-term stability and

Palestinian woman dies after tear-gassing

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A 47-year-old Palestinian woman died Saturday after inhaling tear-gas in Jabalya refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, Palestinians said.

They said Rabaa Al Shrafi, a vendor, was standing by her cart when Israeli soldiers fired teargas at people throwing stones nearby. She inhaled the gas, collapsed and died on the way to

hospital, they said.
Military officials said Ms. Shrafi died from apparent heart failure unrelated to the tear-gas. Her body has been taken away exact cause of death, they said. The army shot and wounded 15 Palestinians during stone throwing incidents in Jabalya on Satur-

day, Palestinians said. A four-year-old child hit in the stomach was listed in serious condition and several other women were among those hurt in the

The army sent reinforcements Sources said 22 Palestinians

had been wounded by army gunfire on the Gaza Strip since Friday night.

Two unknown assailants shot and seriously wounded an Israeli building site guard in the occu-pied West Bank on Friday night, military officials and Israel Radio

The shooting took place on Mount Gilo, south of Jerusalem,

The radio said two men arrived at the site and asked to talk to the one pulled out a gun and fired, wounding a guard in the stomach and legs. The other guard managed to

find cover and the two gunmen fled, the radio said. Military officials said the army

was scouring the area for the Police and army combed the area after the attack which hap- would involve. pened close to the town of Beit Jala in the West Bank.

Policemen line up

A first group of Palestinians are set to go to Jordan Sunday to undergo police officer training as the spearhead of a new force to patrol the occupied territories, Palestinian sources said on Satur-

The departure of the 28 men from the main towns on the West Bank has been delayed numerous

talks in May an armed Palestinian police force for the five-year period of autonomous rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Candidates must be under 30 years old and school graduates with no criminal record, the sources said, but they refused to reveal now long the training period would last and what it

None of the 28 are from the Gaza Strip, which is scheduled to send a group for training in Egypt

at a future date. The creation of a Palestinian police force was envisaged under the 1978 Camp David accords which brought peace between Israel and Egypt.
Israeli Police Minister Moshe

Shahal said the force had been proposed at the ninth round of bilateral peace negotiations in Washington but he gave no fi-gures of 10,000-30,000 men. The announcement led to pro-

ers by Jewish settlers warned they would never obey Palestinians. The anti-Arab Kach movement has reportedly begun training its own vigilante force.
The creation of a Palestinian force has also provoked argu-

ments among various Palestinian factions with those opposed to the peace process also rejecting the force.





businessmen to discuss. He added that Kuwaiti investments in Tunisia had been maintained and Kuwaiti businessmen continued to be based in Tunis.

agricultural development. Kuwaitis were not thrilled by the Yahva's visit. "You are not welcome," read

the banner headline of Saturday's

of our martyrs, the chains of our prisoners and the pains of our people during the occcupation ordeal," said the editorial.

about 850 Kuwaitis and other residents arrested during the occupation.

Interviews in a local daily with Yemen's President Ali Abdullah sponses over the past week.

vited by the Kuwaiti government. But Sheikh Sabah told the staterun Kuwait News Agency recently that his country was "not in a hurry" to mend fences.

ciliation with Tunisia.

Syria says Israel evading key issues

SYRIA ACCUSED Israel Saturday of hedging in its Middle East peace negotiations to evade the issue of interest to the Arabs.

"No progress has been made because the Israelis act as if Arab lands were set for compromise and peace was a mere commercial deal," state-run Damascus Radio

The radio said that while the Arabs demanded "peace on all tracks, Israel resorted to equivocal methods to create a gap between the stands of Arab parties to the bilateral peace talks with the Jewish state.

It said delegations from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians had gone to Washington not for the "sake of compromising on their lands and rights or striking separate peace deals with the Israelis, but in order to build a just, comprehensive and strong peace.

The radio said the U.S.sponsored peace process was still on the zero scale" with the end of the first week of the 10th round of Washington talks.

Talks between Israel and Syria deadlocked with each side looking to the other to give ground. Israel's talks with Lebanon also took a sour turn.

would be willing to return to Bank. Syria. And Syria declined to say what it might give Israel in the way of peace terms for a partial pull-back.

agreed to withdraw from its Strip. discuss in the talks. The radio warned against leav-

circle," saying this would deprive ment. them of their impetus and create a very dangerous situation in the the Americans that we don't in-

tervention" to translate Washing- ia," Mr. Peres told an applauding ton's role into that of a full crowd, using Israeli-given names partner in the peace talks by for the West Bank. enforcing the implementation of He did not mention the Gaza U.N. Security Council resolu-Strip, an area Israel has proposed tions concerning the Arab-Israeli receive autonomy first.

and no alternative would ever hood with Israel. be accepted by the Arabs."

lished comments Saturday the autonomy stage.

news agency (SANA).

Mr. Sharaa said that despite Bank in any settlement.

ceed. He said U.S. Secretary of State Beilin told Israel Television.

Combined agency despatches Warren Christopher had told him in Vienna of the administration's desire to be a full partner and to

see the talks through to a successful end. "We hope this round of the Middle East peace talks and the coming rounds would prove that the United States played a fair and honest role to put U.N.

Israeli Prime Ministe. Yitzhak Rabin said Friday Israel expected an increased American role in the peace talks in the current round

a slightly more active role," Mr. Rabin told Israeli Television. "This will at least give a chance for better results. Israel had in the past rejected

Mr. Rabin also said he would prefer that the talks move to a higher diplomatic level, but that he doubted this would happen because the Arab sides insisted the present make-up. The talks are currently negotiated at ambas-

Meanwhile, in an attempt to stem a wave of right-wing protests against Mideast peace talks, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in remarks broadcast Friday Israel refused to say how much that Israel would not remove of the strategic Golan Heights it settlements in the occupied West

He also said Israel has sug-

gested that Jewish settlements

"remain Israel's responsibility," during a proposed five-year

opening of a branch of the Labour Party headed by Mr. ing the peace talks in a "vicious Rabin, at a West Bank settle-"We have told the Arabs and

tend to remove any settlement, It called on President Bill Clin- not just Oranit, but not one ton to accelerate his "active in- settlement in Judea and Samar-

Mr. Peres suggested he hoped

"Restoration of Arab land is the Palestinians would change the key to peace," the radio said, their minds and accept joint state-

Syrian Foreign Minister years from now, I don't know," Farouk Al Sharaa said in pub- Mr. Peres said of the post-

U.S. had said it wants the peace He added that it "could be that talks to succeed but is "on probathe Palestinians will reach the tion" in its handling of negotia- conclusion one day that the best tions as far as Syria is concerned, solution for them is a federation "The American role now is on with Israel," or a joint state.

probation especially for the Sy- Mr. Peres' deputy, Yossi rian side ... " Mr. Sharaa said in Beilin, said that it was likely remarks carried by the Syrian Israel would insist on retaining the Jordan Valley in the West

he had been assured by officials spelled out in the Labour Party of the Clinton administration that manifesto, that this area, this the U.S. wants the talks to suc- strip along the Jordan River will

U.S. defends U.N. action in Somalia

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — The U.N. has ordered the The United States hit back Saturarest of Gen. Aideed and said he 'day at suggestions that United Nations troops in Somalia had lost control in bloody incidents in

which civilians were killed. "What coalition forces have been confronting were is totally alien to the customs and mores of their home cultures, international law and the Geneva Convention," said a statement by the U.S. liaison office in Mogadishu.

It described how a Pakistani officer, Captain Syed Riaz Manzoor, had been bayonetted repe-atedly and "eviscerated, his throat slit, his eyes gouged out." Capt. Manzoor is one of the soldiers of the U.N. force, UN-OSOM, singled out in the Amer-

ican statement as carrying out "individual and group acts of courage and heroism." Capt. Manzoor reportedly attempted single-handedly to cover the evacuation of soldiers wounded in an ambush on June 5, allegedly by forces of warlord Mohammad Farah Adeed, before being overcome when he ran out

of ammunition. The U.S. statement says UN-OSOM, "has been the object of a campaign of lies and innuendo as well as theatre pieces" staged by

General Aideed. It denies suggestions that the actions of the Pakistanis on June ers and cynical manipulation of 13, when some 20 Somali demonstrators were shot dead, was retaliation for Somali ambushes in which 23 Pakistani peacekeepers

And it says American air attacks on Gen. Aideed's strongholds over the past week were not indiscriminate, as some have distinctly unprofitable and unsetcharged, but were carried out thing for a man who aspired to use with "accuracy and care."

Using a phrase reminiscent of Two Harrier jump jets from the USS Wasp flew over this

would be charged with crimes

against humanity. U.N. military spokesman David Stockwell said Saturday that U.N. forces were "actively pursuing" the instructions to arrest Gen. Aideed, described in the U.S. statement as having "made himself the enemy of the

world's conscience. aThe statement says sthe "real story" in Somalia is "the victimisation of the U.N. peacekeepers/peacemakers not the reverse.

Thousands of Somalis shouting Clinton is a warlord," demonstrated against the U.N. Saturday on the spot where Pakistani soldiers were gunned down two "We don't need gelignite, we need charity," said one of about

who gathered on October 21st road to protest against the ndeaths of 80 Somalis in unrest n the capital. UNOSOM accused Gen.

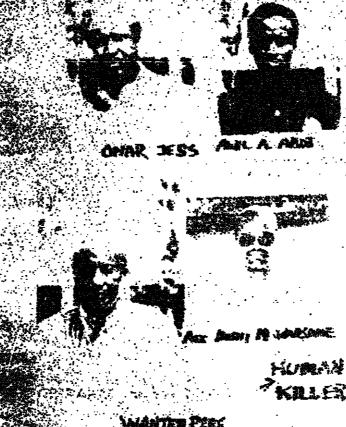
5,000 supportes of Gen. Aideed

Aideed of running a "shadowy gang of terrorists" and of corrup-It said he used "lies, exaggerations and disinformation to mask his own systematic acts of brutality against UNOSOM peacemak-

his people. UNOSOM said Gen. Aideed had preyed on relief before U.N. military intervention in December and had no interest in peace because he intended to take over Somalia as president.

his ill-gotten fortune and shadowy gang of terrorists in order to become Somalia's next dicta-

"Peace is a prospect that was



Wanted poster for Somali warlords Mohammad Farah Aideed, Omar Jess, Awill A. Abdi and Ali Hashi Warsame displayed at U.N.

headquarters in Mogadishu (AFP photo) battered city to signal the immi- Jonathan Howe, and other offinent arrival of four-vessel U.S. battle group which has sailed from Kuwait to reinforce the

18,000-strong U.N. force. It is carrying 2,200 U.S. troops in a sign of the U.N.'s determination to stamp out lawlessness, Gen. Aideed's supporters said it was an attempt to recolonise the

The rallay was the latest show

of support for Gen. Aideed, who remains at large. The bodies of the Pakistani and four Moroccan peacekeepers killed in a raid on Gen. Aideed's of Mogadishu Saturday at a ceremony attended by the U.N. specials. Gen. Aideed's supporters ac-

'tool of American colonialism." "(U.S. President) Bill Clinton is another warlord in Somalia and Boutros Ghali is his first chairman," said one demonstrator. "His minister of defence is

"animal" Howe," said Hussein

Ali Wakir, using the nickname

Aideed supporters give to the

cused the U.N. of becoming a

U.N. envoy. The demonstrators showed reporters the body of a Somali they said had been tortured by U.N. house Thursday were flown out troops and dropped from a helicopter on Friday. It appeared to be at least two days old and to cial envoy, retired Admiral have had its tongue cut out.

Tunisian minister in Kuwait amid protests

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Kuwaiti officials warmly welcomed Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia Saturday despite parliamentary criticism that his twoday visit was inappropriate because of Tunisian sympathy for

Iraq during the Gulf crisis. "We welcome the brother as an Abidine Ben Ali), and as a bearer of a letter to his brother the emir," Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah told reporters at Kuwait

airport. "We say to him, you are cloome," he reiterated. welcome," Mr. Ben Yahia, on his first visit since the Iraqi invasion of August 1990, said he would deliver a "letter of affection and respect," from Mr. Ben Ali to the emir. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al

Sabah, and meet other officials before leaving Monday. "It is a great honour that my foot steps today on the land of the beloved, free, liberated and secure Kuwait. I will continue a

dialogue that we started long years ago. "If God wills, during my talks and meetings with the members of the Kuwaiti government we will reach an understanding of the situation in the Gulf and Maghreb. Asked if he would discuss busi-

ness links during his visit, he

replied this was a matter for

Kowait investments in Tunisia are mainly in real estate and

Al Anba daily that usually tows the government line. "We tell you in the name of the Kuwaiti people that we refuse to forget the painful past and open a new page that ignores the blood

Kuwait claims Iraq still holds

Saleh and his foreign minister. Mohammad Salem Bassindawh, have been drawing similar re-The Tunisian minister was in-

Nasser Al Sane of parliament's foreign affairs committee was earlier quoted as saving Kuwaiti public opinion opposed recon-

Security Council resolutions into practice," Mr. Sharaa added.

of negotiations. "The United States will take on

increased American involvement. preferring direct talks with the

The Lebanese delegation took autonomy period for the Palestithe position that until Israel nians in the West Bank and Gaza security" strip inside Lebanon's Israel Radio broadcast Mr. border there would be nothing to Peres' speech from the Thursday

"What will be in another five

the lack of progress in the talks, . "We will have to insist, as is be under Israeli control," Mr.

U.M. demands Iraq **destroy** arms facilities

THE U.N. Security Council has to dismo that it must accept U.N. monitoring devices at rocket test 'slies and send its chemical Tweepons equipment to destructifor sites

The council declared that The's refusel to cooperate with the U.N. on the weapons issues 'agastitutes a material and unacceptable breach" of the Gulf was ceasefire terms and it warned of "serious consequences" if Bagadad does not comply.

Ambassador Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission overseeing the destruction of Iraqi weapons (UN-SCCAS), informed the council that Baghdad has refused to allow JESCOM to install remote controi cameras to monitor rocket ast stands at two sites. Nor will freq release to UNSCOM the chemicals and equipment used to make mustard and nerve gas.

Under the ceasefire resolution, Tracy is berred from possessing hallistic missiles with a range greater than 150 kilometres. UN-SCOM intended to install highly spenisticated cameras at the two missile test sites located near Beghdad and link them by land inte to its operations room; the sites are used to test-fire rockets on stands without actually launching them.

ivir. Ekeus iater told journalists दोद्धी देखावुं s actions aree "very :aricus 'a because they challenge he council's authority as well as is recipions to insure "that Iraq does not acquire these prohibited ~eapons asain."

He seld that Iraqi objections to UNSCOM apparently are based on political grounds, which Mr. Ekeus concedes is "a major prob--ಟನ್" for the future monitoring of Iracis weapons capabilities.

The issue of Iraq's chemical weapons preduction is "of highest principal importance," Mr.

By John West

Reuter

AYOD, Sudan — The U.N. Totald Food Programme sho-

wared 16 toanes of maize onto a

marshy field in this remote settle-

ment Friday to beat Sudan's rainy

season and reach tens of

thousance of people at risk from

ramme started last week which

ವರ್ಣ to ರಾಂ 1,360 tonnes of food

by mid-fuly — enough to feed about 90,000 people for a month.

Autor a 90-minute flight from

the Kenyan border town of

Chichokio, a C-130 Hercules

banked sharply and circled twice

to make sure the 100 or so

Sucanese waiting to recover the

food were clear of the drop site.

circnift opened and the plane's

Lewis, unleashed a strap which

sant the tightly stitched 50 kilog-

remme bags hurtling to the ground 230 metres below.

this in Vietnam, Laos and all over

the States," said Charlie Ford, an

ex-hambardier in the U.S. Air

Force. He stroked his bushy

white beard and spat the juice of

chewing tobacco into an empty

coffee jar as he coordinated the

officer planning air drops at six

rites in southern Sudan, said ab-

and 70 per cent of the bags landed

But porters quickly run to the

from site, stitch up torn bags and

that up what they can of the spilt

mein, bringing the total recovery

"We're really trying to reach

tile to better than 90 per cent.

erens that are inaccessible be-

cause of the rain," Mr. Richard-

ever the town of Nassir.

Pavid Richardson, a WFP

்ற deep in the airplane's hold.

"The had 26 years of practice at

abadmaster, Jim "Cowboy"

The shaft at the back of the

The air drop is part of a prog-

 $\mathbb N$. airdrops aim

😘 beat Sudan rains

Ekeus noted, especially so since "the rest of the world is moving towards the destruction of its own (chemical weapons) capabilities. In a statement read by the council president, Juan Yanez-Barnuevo of Spain, the council reminded Iraq that what it said in

January still applies. It also

warned Baghdad "of the serious consequences of material

breaches" of council resolutions. The major stand-off occurred in January when Iraq tried to prevent UNSCOM inspectors from using U.N. aircraft to enter Iraqi airspace. Around the same time the United States, Britain. and France launched air strikes against suspected Iraqi antiaircraft missile sites in no-fly

"The council reminds the government of Iraq of its obligations under Security Council resolu-tions and its undertakings to provide for the safety of inspection personnel and equipment. The council demands that the government of Iraq immediately comply with its obligations under resolu-tions 687, 707 and 715 and cease its attempts to restrict the commission's inspection rights and operational capabilities," the

statement said. Mr.Ekeus said he thinks that Iraq eventually will grasp that "there is no way out but to comply" with the council's de-

"Iraq has looked for confrontation here," the UNSCOM chairman said. "We regret this has taken time; that we were forced

to go to Security Council."

Technical talks between UN-SCOM and Iraq on these issues were scheduled to begin in the next few weeks, but Mr. Ekeus said it is clear "that it will not be possible to carry out any serious discussion on any issue if the challenge to the council" remains outstanding.

son said, adding that the WFP

was negotiating with the

Sudanese government in Khar-

toum to run more air drops over

Aid workers say air dropping is more expensive than landing the

food, which in southern Sudan

costs about 2,000 a tonne in

transport from the Kenyan port

flexibility, a critical factor when

trying to reach hundreds of

thousands of southern Sudanese

threatened by crop failure and cut

off by rains and pockets of fight-

ing in the country's 10-year-old

people away from the main (food) distribution points," Mr.

"It's a very good thing to keep

Aid agencies have run relief

operations in southern Sudan for

most of the past decade and have

become part of the region's eco-

nomy. Whole settlements like

Yuai and Waat have grown up

around the dirt airstrips used by

the agencies, which often lead

those in outlying areas to aban-

don their homes in search of

But air drops are just as vulner-

able as other kinds of relief to

fighting, the main danger in

southern Sudan. The WFP says it

cannot drop food without moni-

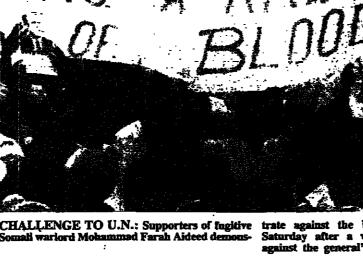
tors on the ground to make sure it

sites it controls.

of Mombasa alone.

civil war.

Richardson said.



CHALLENGE TO U.N.: Supporters of fugitive trate against the United States in Mogadish Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed demons-Saturday after a week of heavy U.N. attacks against the general's arsenals (AFP photo)

Israel studies Sixth Fleet's radiation

TEL AVIV (AP) — The U.S. Navy notifies Israel's environment ministry of the its ships' arrival so it can check water radiation levels, the ministry said Saturday, but a U.S. embassy spokesman denied the report.

It would be a seeming reversal of U.S. policy not to reveal its ships' nuclear capacities to host

"We are now on the list of Israeli bodies the sixth fleet notifies of its arrival," environment ministry spokeswoman Sari Zimmerman told the Associated Press. She said the notification was part of an expanded radiation assessment programme by the

U.S. embassy spokesman Carl Chan said the United States maintains a policy of not confirming or denying nuclear capacities on its ships to any country.

"The sixth fleet naturally noti-

fies Israel when it arrives in order

to get permission to dock," Mr. Chan said. "It does not notify ministries. Ships of the Sixth Fleet regularly dock at the Israeli ports of

Haifa and Ashdod for rest and recreation breaks. Ms. Zimmerman said the first check took place last month.

"It was just a water sample," she said. "We are developing a whole programme for testing the

The decision to check the waters for nuclear radiation is part of the expansion of a ministerial department that has assessed radiation in Israel since the Chernobyl disaster in the Ukraine in 1986, Mr. Zimmerman said.

Earlier this month, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid revealed plans for regular checks in the area of the nuclear reactor at Dimona, a city in the desert. Foreign reports have said the reactor is used to manufacture

nuclear weapons.

Djerejian named envoy to Israel; Ross coordinator

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Friday that Dennis Ross, a close aide to former President George Bush, had been named as the Clinton administration's special coordinator for Middle East peace talks.

President Bill Clinton also picked Assistant Secretary of State Edward P. Djerejian as U.S. ambassador to Israei, the announcement said.

The two appointments signal the administration's intention to place high priority on achieving a breakthrough in Arab-Israeli peace talks, now in their 20th month and not showing much progress. "This is a crucial time for the

Middle East peace process. It is imperative that the United States have talented diplomats working to ensure that the process continues to move forward," said Mr. Clinton in the brief statement. "Ed Djerejian and Dennis Ross have my complete confi-

The administration has been taking a much more active role in the talks than its predecessor, offering bridging proposals, alternately cajoling and chastising the

Mr. Ross, who worked in the Carter, Reagan and Bush administrations, had been serving temporarily as an adviser to Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Mr. Christopher was said by other ides to be impressed with Mr. Ross' ability to formulate strategy and troubleshoot problems, and he was reluctant to see him leave.

Mr. Ross served as director of policy planning at the State Department under Secretary of State James Baker, and then moved with him to the White House last summer to help in the

Bush reelection effort. Mr. Ross was asked to stay on with this administration for six months but was planning to leave next month to head a private Middle Fast thinktank, Mr.



Edward Djerejian

Christopher persuaded him to stay and shepherd the peace process, which has become bogged down after getting off to a promising start under U.S. auspices in October 1991. Mr. Ross, a former Stanford

University professor, was considered one of the driving forces who got Arabs and Israelis to the negotiating table, and has since stepped in to resolve crises and Mr. Ross and Mr. Christopher

are said to believe that unless a breakthrough is achieved in the talks by the end of the year, the fragile process could collapse. Israeli and Arab negotiators are currently here for another

round of talks, but Israeli and Syrian delegates said Thursday they had reached a stalemate. Mr. Djerejian, who served as

ambassador to Syria in the 1980s. has been interested in being ambassador to Israel. Mr. Clinton had earlier this year brought William Brown, a career foreign service officer and former ambassador to Israel, out of retirement to serve as temporary ambassador in Tel Aviv until a permanent envoy was named to the high-profile post.

Kuwait court sentences Iraqi to death

KUWAIT (Agencies) - The state security court Saturday sentenced an Iraqi driver to death for allegedly working with the Iraqi intelligence during the sevenmonth occupation of Kuwait.

Walid Jassem Al Majeed, 38, was convicted of arresting, inter-rogating and torturing Kuwaitis before the emirate was liberated by U.S.-led coalition forces in February 1991. Judge Salah Al Fahad said Mr.

Majeed had been an informer who had led Iraqi troops to two Kuwaitis hiding from occupation authorities, the official Kuwait News agency (KUNA) reported.

He had also possessed arms and ammunition without a li-

He was additionally sentenced to five years in prison with labour for stealing from Kuwaiti homes during the seven-month occupa-

The court acquitted a second accused, a Kuwaiti identified only by the initials M.H., of a charge of helping Mr. Majeed lead Iraqi troops to the two hidden

Mr. Majeed, who worked as a driver for the Kuwait municipality before Iraq's Aug. 2, 1990, invasion, was the 16th defendant to be condemned to death by the state security court this month. The others included 10 Jorda-

mans of Palestinian origin who were sentenced last Saturday. drawing sharp denunciation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Jordanian government.

The convicts have the right to

Trials of alleged collaborators began shortly after liberation. Death sentences handed to 29 collaborators in 1991 were commuted to life in prison amid criticism of the trials by human rights organisations. But antipathy towards Iraqis and citizens of countries which opposed the U.S.-led Operation Desert Storm still runs high

among Kuwaitis, who have been demanding tough punishment for convicted collaborators.

Last month, an Iraqi man convicted of killing a Kuwaiti border guard was hanged. The development indicated that the government might be bowing to pressure In addition to those sentenced to death, about 250 people, most-

ly Iragis, Jordanians, stateless

Arabs and a few Kuwaitis, are serving prison terms after their conviction by the state security court of crimes committed during the occupation. A week earlier the court sent-

enced to death five Iraqis for trying to persuade Kuwaitis to ioin Iraq's ruling Baath Party during the occupation. It also sentenced to death in

absentia Kuwaiti Colonel Alaa Hussein Khafaaji for agreeing to become Kuwait's prime minister under Iraqi rule. He is believed to be living in Iraq.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Morocco arrests 5 Europeans with hashish

RABAT (R) - Moroccan police have seized 870 kilogramme of hashish from a truck bound for Belgium and arrested four French nationals and a Belgian in Casablanca, the daily newspaper Al Ittihad Al Ishtiraki reported. Since January the Moroccan authorities have announced the seizure of more than 30 tonnes of hashish in a major campaign against drug trafficking.

WFP launches aid operation in Eritrea

NAIROBI (AFP) — The U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) has announced a six-month emergency operation to assist more than half a million people facing famine in Eritrea. WFP will provide a total of 28,000 tonnes of cereals and vegetable oil to 200,000 internally displaced people, 100,000 returning refugees and 160,000 farmers. To help Eritrea in its reconstruction efforts, WFP will provide an additional 5,250 tonnes to 27,500 families on a food-for-work project. The assistance, valued at \$12 million, will help the people to return to their places of origin, reestablish farms, and prepare land for the 1993 farming season. The areas targetted by WFP are primarily in Barka and Sahel provinces. Despite a good harvest of cereals and pulses in 1992, estimated at 260,000 tonnes, Eritrea faces food shortages with a cereal deficit for 1993 estimated at 190,000 tonnes.

PLO closes three offices in Scandinavia

HELSINKI (AFP) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will close its information offices in Finland, Norway and Al Wazir, chief of the PLO Helsinki office, told the Finnish news of agency STT that the Helsinki office will be closed at the helsinki office agency STT that the Helsinki office will be closed at the beginning of August. The offices in Norway and Denmark will also be closed while the future of the Sweden office remains undecided. Many Arab countries have cut down their economic aid to PLO. The PLO tried recently to raise the status of its information office to embassy level but the suggestion was rejected by the Finnish Foreign Ministry, informed sources said. Zuheir Al Wazir will move from Finland to Holland.

Court to give Demjanjuk appeal verdict

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel's supreme court will next month give its verdict on John Demjanjuk's appeal against the death sentence as "Ivan the Terrible." more than one year after it was lodged, legal sources said Saturday. The source said the exact date which be announced next week and that the judges were writing up their verdict. Demjanjuk's lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, complained on June 8 — exactly 12 months since the appeal was lodged — that it was "the most disgraceful" case in Israel's legal history. The former U.S. car worker has argued he was not the sadistic executioner Treblinka,a Poland. "It took just two months for the court to decide to hang him on no evidence whatsoever and I am astonished that until now there is no decision on the appeal," Mr. Sheftel said. The lawyer, who put 80 new documents from KGB archives to the appeal in which witnesses identified another Ukrainian as Ivan the Terrible, has accused the court of "political face-saving."

UNESCO condemns killing of Algerian professor

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PARIS (R) - United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Friday condemned the killing in Algiers of a top Algerian psychiatrist said by French newspapers to be the latest victim of Muslim fundamentalist rebels. Professor Mahfoudh Boussebsi was stabbed in the chest Tuesday morning as he entered Drid Hocine hospital in Algiers. "Once again a well-known Algerian personality has been assassinated," Frederico Mayor, director-general of the Paris-based UNESCO, said in a statement. 'A psychiatrist of international renown, he has added his name to a long, list of martyrs of the intellectual community on which UNESCO's action depends," he said. "In a personal capacity but also in the name of the international community, I protest strongly against violence and hatred...." Mr. Mayor said. Prof. Boussebsi was a member of a committees set up to defend the antifundamentalist ideas of Algerian author Tahar Djaout who was killed by an unidentified attacker.

Former hostage transferred to new hospital

BOSTON (R) — Edward Tracy, who spent nearly five years as hostage in Beirut, has been transferred from a Boston veteran's administration hospital to another facility, a hospital spokeswoman said Friday. Mr. Tracy, 62, was transferred on June 9 to the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital from the Boston facility, where he had received care since his return to the United States nearly two years ago, the spokeswoman said. Mr. Tracy's precise medical status has never been disclosed. The Bedford facility provides long-term care while the Boston hospital is an acute care facility that specialises in post-traumatic stress syndrome. Mr. Tracy, a divorced father of three, was seized by the pro-Iranian Revolutionary Justice Organisation in October 1986. He was released on August 11, 1991, and was returned to the United States three days later.

Israeli fined for exchange control violation

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - An Israeli man who pleaded guilty to violating exchange control regulations and was fined 40,000 rand (\$12,500 can leave South Africa Saturday, a newspaper reported. The Citizen Daily said Dov Lavey, 46, who worked for the South African Zionist Federation, admitted he failed to change back into rand some \$39,000 worth of foreign currency he took out of South Africa but never used. It said Mr. Lavey was sentenced angle released Friday and could return to Israel Saturday.

Two TV crewmen killed in Mogadishu

PARIS (R) - A veteran soundman for French television was shot dead in Mogadishu Friday and a Somali employee of another French station was killed there the previous day, their employers said. The Frenchman was Jean-Claude Jumel, 50, who covered wars for the TF1 station for more than 25 years including several stints in Yugoslavia this year. He was shot in the heart while driving into Mogadishu from the city's airport with a television crew, TFI said. He died instantly. The Somali, a driver for the rival France-2 channel, was shot dead in similar circumstances in the city on

Israeli child asks Arafat's wife why Palestinians throw stones VIENNA (AFP) - The wife of territories and Lebanon, Mrs. only man who can make peace." Asked by a Jewish American

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Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat told Israeli children bere Friday that if they lived under occupation they would also throw stones at their oppressors.

properly distributed. WFP officers were pulled out "If you were in the same situation, you would do the same of a permanent camp in Ayod on thing," Suha Arafat told Israeli Wednesday after reports that rival factions of the Sudan People's children during a discussion held on the sidelines of the U.N. Liberation Army had broken a World Conference on Human ceasefire agreement and were again fighting in the area. Moni-Rights.
A 14-year-old boys had asked

tors were flown in on Friday to distribute the food the same day. why Palestinian children threw Aid workers say tens of stones at Israelis in the occupied thousands are at risk in the "famine triangle" that includes West Bank and Gaza Strip. After giving a speech about children suffering in the occupied Ayod, Kongor, Yuai and Waat,

Arafat took questions from some 180 child delegates from around the world to a parallel conference here on children's rights. Another young Israeli wanted

to know why Palestinian children in the occupied territories would not be friends with him despite

the many overtures he had made. Mrs. Arafat replied that Palestinian children were wary because young Israelis would one day serve in the army. "Instead of being able to make peace, Palestinians think that

they will be killed by you," she said. "We must put aside hatred. Mr. husband Yasser Arafat is the

child why she did not mention abuses against Israeli children, Mr. Arafat replied: "The Palestinians are the victims and the problems of Israeli children are in y case taken care of by Israel."

When he spoke at the human rights conference on Wednesday, Yasser Arafat launched a violent attach on Israel for what he called genocide in the occupied territories and accused Israel of dragging its feet in peace talks. He accused Israel of "war

crimes" in the occupied territories, saying killings were legitimised, people detained, deported



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Police hold 22-year-old male in murder of sister in Eidun

By Ahmad Kreishan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — According to police reports, a 22-year-old male from Eidun shot and killed his sister Friday and later gave himself up to the authorities

The unidentified man was said to have told police in the Irbid governorate that he shot his sister because of what he termed her bad conduct. Police sources declined to give further details except that investigations were continuing into the case and that the the suspect is now in custody

Meanwhile, police in the Jweideh district south of Amman have apprehended suspects in last Wednesday's killing of a 76-year-

The woman, who lived in the Jweideh Home for the Aged and identified only as GHN, was said to have been attacked by two men who had entered the building allegedly to steal jewellery from the resident senior citizens. The police said the woman was hit several times with an iron

They said two men, whose identities were later established, bracelets and earnings that were on the person of woman during the attack.

The police said they found the woman dead in her room.

Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Sqour set up a special committee to study the situation at the senior citizens' home. The committee said the residence is in need of supervisors on the premises 24

hours a day.

The identities of the suspects were not disclosed and police said investigations were continuing.

Licences to be issued for four-storey residences

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Mayor Mahammad Al Bashir Saturday passed instructions to various heads of municipal departments in Amman to start issuing licences for four-storey residential buildings and the addition of one floor to existing three-

Urging interested building owners to submit applications for the licences, Mr. Bashir said the licences will be issued in implementation of amended regulations passed last April.

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The move comes amid a construction boom in the country prompted by the housing needs of the tens of thousands of expatri-

ate families who returned to Jordan in the wake of the Gulf crisis. Amendments to the regulations also aim at encouraging investments in housing, said Mr. Bashir in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Mr. Bashir recently returned to Amman from a tour of slaughterhouses in Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and France.

In a statement to Petra, Mr. Bashir Saturday said that he toured modern slaughterhouses run by municipalities and also inspected the latest methods of street traffic control, including how to avoid traffic jams.

ly assigned a plot of land on which it plans to set up a modern slaughterhouse that would serve the needs of the ever-growing population in Amman and its suburbs, said Mr. Bashir, adding that the tour abroad will now help the municipality to announce a tender for its construction.

Furthermore, the municipal delegation has familiarised itself with the various systems used in garbage disposal and the types of equipment and machinery used in the process of disposing of refuse, as well as prospects of recycling the waste paper and cardboard.

5-day workshop to plan health, environment strategy for Mediterranean zone

AMMAN (Petra) - Delegates from 12 Arab and foreign countries gathered in Amman Saturday for a five-day workshop on preparing a regional strategy for a healthy and safe environment in

the Mediterranean zone. A spokesman for the Health Ministry, which is organising the meeting in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO), said the delegates will discuss the basic elements of such

a regional strategy.

The delegates will review national health strategies of each participating country in planning common medium and long-term strategies that wou plemented through the help of Malhas, feels that people's lives

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dar Al Dawaa, one of five Jordanian

pharmaceutical firms is shortly

inaugurating its first expansion project aimed at boosting produc-

Mohammad Fitiani, the com-

pany's general manager, Saturday, told the Jordan Times that

the Dar Al Dawaa factory, located

on the road to Naur west of

Amman, has been selling 70 per

cent of its production to Arab and

foreign countries, with the rest

going to the local market.

He said that Dar Al Dawaa

sales have been bringing in an

(AAMA) Sunday opens its 11th

International Medical Conven-

tion in Amman with the parti-

cipation of at least 200 American

About 130 research papers on topics ranging from orthopeadics

and kidney diseases to plastic

physicians of Arab origin.

income of \$25 million to the

tion and sales.

In an address at the opening session, Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas said there was a need for the participants to find ways to safeguard their countries from radiation and chemical substances that permeate food, clothing and water, as well as means of stemming the danger of

We fear not the growing number of environmental elements which tend to harm human health, but rather the prospect of not being able as humans to defend ourselves from such harmful elements," said the minister. Jordan along with the countries

WHO in the near future, he said. are endangered and therefore non-governmental organisations.

company from the local and fore-ign markets.

as nations in eastern Europe and

Africa, are purchasing; our products, considered of high quality and competitive with European

and American products," said

He said the five Jordanian

pharmaceutical companies

together cover 55 per cent of the

total needs of the local markets

for medicines, adding that more

companies are due to open soon

in order to help the country en-

Arab-American doctors group

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab surgery and arthritis will be reAmerican Medical Association viewed by the delegates during da.

the five-day meeting.

A large number of Jordanian

physicians will take part in the meetings, according to the con-vention president, Yousef Hama-

will include 14 discussion session,

Dr. Hamati said the meeting

to hold convention in Amman

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Mr. Fitiani.

"Most Arab countries, as well

*Dar Al Dawaa to start expansion

efforts should continue to fight off the pollutants.

Hussein Al Jazairi, the WHO regional director, told the meeting that a common strategy was necessary to fend off the danger.

Environmental health is a subject that should be taken into consideration and school children ought to be taught how to help shape a safe environment for their own future, said Dr. Jazairi.

WHO, he said, was helping each participating country draw up intensive programmes aimed at safeguarding environmental health and is participating in rewith other world agencies and

which is considered the second

stage in a three-stage expansion

scheme has cost JD 5 million, said

He said a ceremony for the formal inauguration of the new stage will be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on June 26.

The Dar Al Dawaa factory,

scheme, Mr. Fitiani added.

The AAMA was founded in

1974 as a national, non-profit,

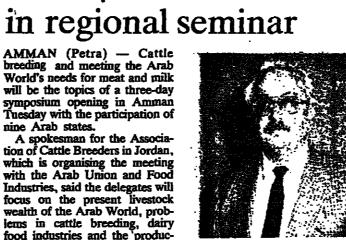
non-political educational and

charitable organisation, he said.

has 22 chapters in the U.S., he

The Michigan-based AAMA

Mr. Fitiani.



Marwan Kamal

Cabinet approves

basic structure of

technology centre

AMMAN (Petra) -- The Council of Ministers Saturday approved the basic system of the National

Centre for Agricultural Research

and Technology Transfer.

Last September, the cabinet

decided to set up a council for the

centre and entrusted then Minis-

ter of Agriculture Fayez Al Kha-

sawneh with preparing the

needed legislation that would

give the centre administrative and financial independence. The centre's main objective is

to coordinate agricultural re-search and technology transfer

activities among private and pub-lic institutions in the Kingdom

and cooperate with similar in-

stitutions in Arab and foreign

The centre will be based in Ein

Basha area, near Baqaa, and

branches for it might be estab-

lished in other parts of the King-

dom when needed. It will be run

by a council comprising the minis-

ter of agriculture as chairman, the

centre's director general as depu-

ty chairman, the centre's secret-

AMMAN (Petra) — Cattle breeding and meeting the Arab World's needs for meat and milk

will be the topics of a three-day

symposium opening in Amman Tuesday with the participation of

A spokesman for the Associa-tion of Cattle Breeders in Jordan,

which is organising the meeting with the Arab Union and Food

Industries, said the delegates will

focus on the present livestock

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lems in cattle breeding, dairy

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Agriculture Minister Marwan

which will also discuss the Arab

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Meat, dairy industries

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ary general, the Ministry of Agriculture's secretary general, representatives of the ministries of

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Also Saturday, the cabinet

approved a recommendation by

the Development Committee on

establishing an industrial and

agricultural company in the Maf-

In a meeting chaired by acting Prime Minister and Information

Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar, the

cabinet also approved the results

of a study on poverty in Jordan, prepared by the Ministry of So-

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Union team returns from working visit to

Denmark which started production in 1980, has been witnessing a 25 per cent AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Federation of annual growth over the years, and it is this fact that prompted it Jordanian Labour Unions, led by to carry out the expansion Khaled Shreim, returned to Amman Saturday at the end of a week-long visit to Denmark upon the invitation of the Danish

Workers Federation. Talks during the visit covered cooperation in union work and coordination of workers' stands at international conference, said Mr. Shreim in a statement upon

returning to Amman.

He said the Jordanian delegation toured several Danish workers' centres and were acquainted with the different services and activities pertaining to workers of different sectors, as well as their achievements and training prog-



Jordan Times typesetter Mohammad Khair Al Subaihi has just graduated from Yarmouk University with a Bachelor's degree in French and German

Mabrouk

Tour guide course opens

Jordan, Lebanon, Syria reach tourism accord

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Tourism Saturday opened a three-week training seminar for tour guides and announced the completion of talks with Syria and Lebanon on joint tourism

A group of 20 potential tour guides are attending the seminar, which costs JD 400 per person, and is organised at the University of Jordan in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism, according to Hamdi Al Hadidi, a ministry senior official who addressed the

The seminar coincided with the conclusion in Damascus of Syrian-Lebanese-Jordanian talks aimed at stimulating cooperation in tourism between the three countries in implementation of a 1974 agreement.

Nasri Atallah, the ministry of tourism secretary general, told the Jordan Times that the talks

joint tourism exhibitions. The ministers of tourism in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan

signed an executive programme for the implementation of the agreement which also entails Jordan's participation in the annual Latakia "Friendship and Peace" tourism exhibition in August.

According to ministry sources. the Syrian and Jordanian ministers signed an agreement for the resumption of train service between Amman and Damascus. which had been disrupted for several years.

The operation of trains between the two capitals, said the sources, is covered by the 1974 agreement.

Minister of Tourism Yan'al Hikmat was scheduled to return covered prospects for holding to Amman Saturday evening.

Professors review problems in Arab university environments

By Tareq Ayoub Special to the Jordan Times

IRBID — Universities in Arab World have fallen captive to Western style education and have seized to be centres for social, political and cultural change, the president of the African World University in Khartoum Hassan Makki, charged Saturday.

Speaking, at seminar on "methods and curricular in the Arab World" organised by the International Islamic Federation of Student Organisation by the International Islamic Federation of Student Organisations at Yarmonk University, Dr. Makky added that Western and secular forces in Arab-societies were responsible for the stagnation of the role of universities in the Arab

Dr. Makki said the Arab World needed universities that would build the students' character and bring them closer to their Arab and Islamic character. He said he supported the Islamisa-

tion of educational methods." The educational system of the West has failed to value the role of the woman in the society, the division of our educational system into religious and non-religious has shattered the studens personality in our universi-

Dr. Makki concluded by stressing that the solution for these problems has to include subjects related to Arab culture, religion and the use of the Islamic method of scientific research to build the personality of students.

role in social change, Yarmouk University professor Fathi Malkawi said universities were controlled by Arab governments and are being financed by industries. He said instead of leading reform in the Arab World professors have become only consumers of media preachings. Dr. Malkawi said society has lost confidence in university professors. He sup-ported Dr. Makki, emphasis on the importance of the Islamisation of education. He added that two groups of intellectuals are influencing change at universi-ties, the Islamists and secularists.

The seminar, which was attended by student representatives from Sudan, Yemen, Tunis. Mauritania, Egypt and Jordan. will end June 20.



A general view of the Jordan Pavilion at the 31st Import Fair Berlin. The 1993 fair, an international consumer goods fair focusing on textiles, leather

goods, gifts and accessories for the home, attracted 975 participants from 70 countries and territories to the Berlin Exhibition Grounds

Jordan's 24th visit to Berlin import fair brings firm orders for manufacturers

turned to the Import Fair Berlin companies, including newcomers Jordan Carpet Manufacturing Company and Al-Abaya Stores

On display between June 9 and 12 were an assortment of traditional products, such as carpets, dresses, ceramics and Dead Sea

The latter had already been heavily promoted in Berlin in March during the International Tourism Trade Fair, which was attended by Her Majesty Queen

Jordan pavilion director Lou'ai

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan re- Ayoub stressed the necessity of Exhibitions, Fairs and Congresattendance at the prestigious this year with 12 manufacturing trade event. "It is very important for us to show at this fair because Germany is such an important market for Jordan, and every and several contacts made during year we try to show new pro-the event placed firm orders la-ducts," said Mr. Ayoub, who is with the Jordan Export Development & Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCC) in Am-

> Follow-up business after the fair has always proved good since Jordan started attending the fair in 1966, according to a statement by the German Company for

important export market following the United States and the United Kingdom. Carpets and Dead Sea salts are

the principal products exported to Germany. Mr. Ayoub said Jordan is now

looking to expand its garment sector, and delegates at the fair were eager to promote products from the garment industry among German and European buyers for department stores, mail order catalogues and wholesalers.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Prince visits military formation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday visited one of the formations of the southern military region where he was received by the commanders of the military region and the unit. After a briefing on the formation's training programmes and duties assigned to it, Prince Hassan toured its various sites and met with its officers and soldiers. The Crown Prince was accompanied on the visit by acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Major-General Mahmoud Hammad.

Princess Basma opens Arab art exhibit

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Sunday opened an Arab contemporary art exhibition at Abaad Art Hall, sponsored by Hisham Hijjawi Scientific Establishment in coopcration with Amman Bank for Investment and the Jordan Kuwait Bank. The exhibition includes works by 40 leading artists from Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia. The opening ceremony was attended by Her Highness Princess Wijdan Ali, senior officials and several ambassadors. Proceeds from sales at the opening will go to benefit charity projects in the

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- X Exhibition of watercolours, entitled "Landscapes of Jordan," by Prof. Elmar Dittmann at the Phoenix Art Gallery, Gardens
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by artists Nawal Abdullah Kattan and Dodi Tabbaa at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of Japanese paintings and photos at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Paintings by Salem Al Dabbagh, Himat Ali and Karim Rassan at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery (10 a.m.-5
- ☆ Art exhibition by 26 Jordanian artists at Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra Shopping Centre.

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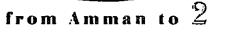
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For a better ride

TAXI. IN Jordan are like the weather in Britain. Everybody talks about them but no one seems to be able to do anything about them. With most of them run down, and their drivers in perpetually bad mood, the talk about taxis has to be mostly negative, and it is. Since taxi service in a modern society is a necessity, not a luxury, it is only natural for citizens to look at problems they face in this sector and try to find just why they have a lot to complain about. But, first, it is the other side of the story that has to be looked at.

Aware that the service they provide to customers is less than adequate, taxi drivers say they have their own grievances too. Those drivers complain of excessive regulations. They are allowed to operate only within limited zones; they have to obtain "a movement order" from the offices they belong to every three hours or so; they cannot play taped music in their cars; they are required to keep some form of ID plate inside that is neither legible nor visible. Taxi owners also complain, and rightly so, that fares are too low to cover fuel expenses and driver wages. And because of government monopoly over licences, charges of corruption - of huge sums paid to obtain a taxi office licence - are rife. Drivers in particular complain that they make very little money after paying fuel and the owners' fixed daily share. On top of that, taxi owners and drivers union seem to be plagued with corruption. Drivers complain of extra charges which the union levies. And despite complaints by them that they are generally picked on by traffic police, it seems the authorities are unable to improve the quality of the service altogether.

Probably what is needed is a review of the whole issue. The authorities, the owners, the drivers, and most importantly the users, need to meet, discuss the problems at hand and come up with proper solutions for everyone's satisfaction. Customers will certainly not object to pay a slightly higher price for a much better service. And owners and drivers will certainly want to improve the service if it means more income. Drivers should themselves get a better deal. Certainly if they secure more income they will pay more attention to the way they dress, look and behave. The authorities meanwhile have a great interest in improving everybody's lot. An efficient taxi service is both necessary and beneficial to the image and reputation of the country. Tourism, being a major generator of national income, can depend, among other things, on clean, swift and decent taxi service. The authorities are, therefore, required to make sure that only clean and well-kept cars are used as taxis; that taxi drivers are taught at a special training school how to behave towards passengers before they obtain their licences; that complaints are made possible and are processed in the swift manner; that violators are deprived of their

Those who choose to use taxis certainly need to have a proper service with the highest standard. They both deserve and expect the best.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'l daily Saturday criticised Japan for seeking to end the Arab boycott of Israel, Japan has chosen the wrong moment to declare its intentions which it plans to declare openly at the industrial nations conference in Tokyo next month, said the paper. Japan's recent reception of an Israeli economic delegation and its formation of a special task force to stimulate economic ties with Israel is also ill-timed, continued the daily. It is noticed that Japan's moves coincide with the resumption of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations which have so far achieved no progress, said the daily, indeed, such a move can only be considered as an encouragement, by Japan, for the aggressors to pursue their violation of international laws, charged the paper. It said, that Japan's gift to Israel comes at a time when the Israeli authorities pursue mal-practices against the Palestinian population. No one can oppose Japan's moves to speed up the peace process and to end the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 and the exchange of land for peace, said the paper. But it, said that Japan's move is ill-timed and can only be considered as a reward to Israel for its actions and practices. The paper urged Japan to be careful and not to endorse Washington's continued bias towards Israel because, it said that such a move can only harm its own ties with the Arab world.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Saturday criticised the U.N. peacekeeping forces for their actions in Somalia. Why don't the multinational forces flex their muscle in Bosnia-Herzegovina the way they are doing in Somalia? asked Khaled Mahadin. If the United Nations forces are able to exercise their power at will and cause destruction and kill people, why don't they show us some of this heroic deed in defence of the old people, children and young women in the former Yugoslavia? the writer asked. He said that the Arabs and the Muslims seem to have no value and they are worthless in the eyes of the Western nations. The killing of Somalis does not draw any reaction a pity from the Muslim nations, and is rather praised by the corrupt Western media and the Western intellectuals, charged the writer. These atrocities against the Somalis are being executed at a time when the international community is holding a world conference on human rights, said the writer. The "restore hope" campaign entails killing the young Somalis and the demolition of homes and hospitals, practices that are described as heroic by the Western media, added the writer. Citing a statement by the former French foreign minister as saving that the United Nations is being transformed time a tool for settling world issues, the writer said that the country is being implemented in the former Yugoslavia where innocent people are killed every day.

Welcome Jordan's King as a friend

By John K. Cooley

AMMAN — The United States and its allies have only a handful of truly loyal and disinterested friends at the top levels of the Arab and Muslim worlds. Among these, King Hussein of Jordan is in a class by himself. By inviting the King to a White House meeting last Friday, President Bill Clinton has taken the first big step towards ending U.S.-Jordanian misunderstandings over the Gulf war.

As Secretary of State War-ren Christopher has acknow-ledged, misunderstanding of the motives of King Hussein of U.S. opinion. And the shadow extends to sectors of the U.S. Congress, when \$50 million in aid that Jordan was to receive in 1992 is being held

up.
What King Hussein and his brother and heir-designate, Crown Prince Hassan, have fashioned for their people is little short of phenomenal. Working with a spectrum of Jordanian politicians,

academics and businessmen, they have fashioned the only true Arab democracy. Jordan is moving towards real, democratic national elections for a parliament next fall - the second since 1989, when the two brothers nudged Jordan's democratic experiment into

By legalising Muslim activist

groups and some extremely secular leftist political bodies, King Hussein's successive governments have opened win-dows and doors to let in the fresh air of healthy ferment. This has permitted a truly free array of newspapers, magazines and television broadcasts. Jordan TV has become so popular among Arabs who can view it outside Jordan, such as King Hussein's former. pre-1967 subjects in the İsraeli-occupied West Bank and in East Jerusalem, that neighbouring Syria has jam-med the broadcasts for

With few exceptions, the chorus of the Jordanian media is truly liberal. And topics as diverse as censorship, abortion, educational methods, women's rights and even Muslim-Christian relations necessarily produce some cacophony.

Sometimes the United States is a target. In March, when a Clinton invitation to the King seemed in doubt, some columnists and editors lambasted the United States for "bullying" Jordan with its State Department travel adivsory of March 2. It warned Americans living or travelling here to be careful about possible terrorism; but this is virutally nonexistent in

31, wailed these columnists, was "punishment" of Jordan by the "punishment" or Jorgan of United States for alleged viola-United States for alleged viola-tions of the economic embargo against its now intensely disliked neighbour, Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Actually, Jordanian security officials had warned the United States of a possible threat to tour-ist buses.

As for "embargo violations," it was Jordanian border guards, not U.S. officials or United Nations-inspectors, who caught and halted trackloads of embargoed construc-tison supplies from India headed for Iraq. Jordanians discovered

for Irag. Jordanians discovered the forged U.N. clearance papers. Despite this, some of the Jorda-nian media pundits denounced

what they saw as a craven attitude of their government towards imagined U.S. punishment. But the subject was soon dropped in favour of the debate in business community over looming new

The problem for King Hussein, as for Mr. Clinton, is raising revenue, Jordan has no oil. few salable minerals, and growing but still sparse manufactures. By speaking frankly about excesses and abuses of such Arab regimes as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, once benefactors, and more recently about Saddam Hussein, King Hussein bars further receipt of what he calls "charity." Jordan is on its

own financially.

King Hussein deserves careful attention in Washington: both to his views on the need for more active U.S. involvement to recnerative U.S. involvement to recnerative U.S. active U.S. involvement to reener-gise the sagging Arab-Israel peace talks, and on the formidable chal-lenge of Islamic activism, one which he, almost alone among Arab rulers, is successfully facing by co-opting the Islamists into a democratic system. — Herald Tri-

The writer is an ABC News correspondent who specialises in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean. The article is reprinted, under same headline, from Herald Tribune.

Ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims __ a success of the European policy

The conventional wisdom is that the inability of Europe and the U.S. to prevent the Orthodox Christian Serbs and the Catholic Christian Croats from ethnically cleansing Bosnia of the Muslim Bosnians was a deplorable failure for Europe and the U.S., especially the former because it happened in Europe. The reasons for this failure were said to be "lack of leadership", "lack of vision," "failure of nerve" and so on.

All this is the exact opposite of the truth. The ethnic cleansing of the Bosnian Muslims was a success, a brilliant victory, for the European policy which achieved exactly what it was meant to do: to prevent the creation of a Muslim-controlled state in the southeastern region of Christian Europe. Furthermore, this design has been carried out with such skill and finesse that world public opinion does not even know or guess that this cruel plot has been the mainspring of events in Bos-nia, although there has been ample evidence on the ground of the plot being carried out.

The Europeans have worked through sins of commission rather than commission: by not acting instead of acting wrongly, by letting things happen, by not stop-ping the Serbs and Croats. It is because of this passivity that the master plotters have not been identified since it is the local forces who did the dirty work and have taken the blame.

Yet the negative evidence has been overwhelming. There has been the deliberate, repeated refusal to use force against the Serbs with a whole variety of utterly specious excuses. It was said that aerial bombing would be inaccurate and dangerous and ultimately, ineffective, which did not count when it came to bomb-

ing Muslims in Mogadishu. Once troops were put in for humanitarian reasons, they themselves then became an excuse to do nothing about using force for political reasons because, it was argued, that would put them in danger of reprisals.

The reason for the steadfast refusal to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia so that the Muslims could get arms to defend themselves is so specious that it should have given the game, the plot, away. Arming Muslims, it was claimed, would increase casualties. Why then did the allies give arms to the resistance fighters in Europe against the Nazis with the certain knowledge that their attacks would bring brutal reprisals and casualties?

One of the main reasons for western inaction was the fear of casualties and of dead men coming home in body bags. For how could the West and the U.S. explain to the bereaved families that their men had died defending mies of the West?

dence of the anti-Muslim plot was the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia. Serbia would remain intact. Croatia would remain intact, but Muslim-majority-Bosnia would be chopped up into ten pieces. But suspicions about what has

The biggest single piece of evi-

happened are beginning to be aired. U.S. Senator Joseph Biden has asked pointedly whether European reaction to Bosnian events would have been the same, if instead of Christians killing Muslims it had been Muslims killing Christians. A Croatian leader speaking on American television, and identifying himself as a Croat, said fully and frankly

Europe had not wanted a Muslim state in the Balkans. Polite obliquity took over when the Turkish Foreign Minister, Hikmet Cettin, told a NATO meeting on June 11 that if Europe did not do more in Bosnia, critics would say that its inaction was because the Bosnians were Muslims. The Iranians have made the anti-Muslim accusation boldly and openly and the Organisation of Islamic Conference has done so half-heartedly. But who cares what partisan Muslims think or say as long as they do nothing? — which has

been the case.

What do the Europeans have against a European Muslim state? It must be said that that objection has an element of neatness. West Asia and North Africa, a large enough area, is Islamic and Europe and North and South America are Christian and each religion should stay in its own area. Isolated alien enclaves. either racial or religious, only cause trouble like the Christian and the Christians in northeast India or the Karens in Burma (the Christian Philippines fortunately are offshore islands).

Apart from that general "justification" of European anti-Muslim hostility, there are more specific reasons for it. There is the rooted, atavistic West European fear of Muslim hordes sweeping in from the east. This has been revived by the "invasion" of West European countries by millions of Muslim immigrants — Turks in Germany, Moroccans and Algerians in France, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis in Britain, and these Islamic fifth columns are being radicalised and energised by the force of militant Islam Muslim countries.

It is being conveniently forgot-ten that militant Islam is itself a reaction to Christian hostility and pressure displayed by such things as support for the intrusive Jewish entity thrust into West Asia and the defence of Salman Rushdie's vulgar and insulting attack on Islam in "The Satanic If the British, French and Ger-

mans are reacting fearfully against reactive Muslim immigrants in those countries, the Serbs and Croats have had no reason at all to react against the Bosnian Muslims. These have been not merely quiescent but positively indifferent Muslims, to the point of not identifying themselves as Muslims. The principal motiva-tion of the Croats and Serbs is the ancient memory of what they experienced at Muslim hands during the Ottoman empire, decades and even centuries ago.

One of the main reasons why the anti-Muslim plot has not been recognised for what it is has been is because the brave and honest members of the western media have described and denounced the atrocities committed by Serbs and Croats. From which it was mistakenly assumed that the western governments were also against the Serbs and Croats, though that is the exact opposite of the truth. There is all the difference in the world between honest western individuals and aid agencies and the coldly calculating western governments, whose calculations have completely succeeded.

The writer is a Cyprus-based journalist specialised in Islamic and Middle Eastern Affairs. He contributed the article to the Jor-

that the Christian states of coming out of Iran and other dan Times. **Israel gives Palestinian minors** an early taste of jail life

By Barry Parker

Agence France Presse

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip - Fretful mothers gather daily outside the barbed-wire fenced Israeli army headquarters on Nasser Street waiting to pay for the release of their young It is a classic scene in the

occupied territories encapsulating the vicious circle of violence and repression that brutalises the lives of the youngest to the oldest. When Israeli soldiers patrol the dangerous streets of the occupied Gaza Strip a volley of stones is

never far behind, often sparking a chase for the Palestinian boys responsible.

If those who are caught are 14 or under, too young to be jailed, they are usually locked up at Nasser Street in the heart of Gaza Mohammad Suhailim, 14, has

been through the process twice.

costing his parents 250 shekels

(\$90) and 500 shekels they could ill-afford. The last time, a week ago, he was also winged by a bullet. His left-leg is still bandaged and he

limps slightly. Suhailim mocks the army's attempts to discipline him. "It doesn't make any difference to us. What I've told you happens to nearly everyone round here," he says pointing to the shacks of Shatti refugee camp here on the

edge of Gaza City.
Jihad El Shaarawi, has been

has just emerged from 21 days in

"I was only 10 when they first took me to Nasser Street. They wanted 500 shekels and took my father's I.D.. The second time they wanted 500 shekels but we

"A study of 2,800 children found that 42 per cent had been beaten by the army, 55 per cent had watched beatings, 19 per cent had been detained. Nine out of 10 had inhaled teargas, eight out of 10 suffered night-time house

"This time they want 750 shekels. I don't have any money and my father has no work. I don't know what will happen and I don't give a damn.'

"Each time they blindfold me or beat me and ask if I threw stones, but I have never admitted it." 14-year-old Jihad boasted. Raji Surani, director of the Gaza Centre for Rights and Law. noted the fines rest soley on a

mutary regulation. "There is no legal procedure, no court, no-

He tells the story of a 12-yearold orphan detained for four "The army sent for his grandfather, but he couldn't walk. So the grandmother went and they took her identity card until she paid 750 shekels.

"She could never pay so I paid, but how many times can you do "The Israelis have lost their balance and direction here," Mr.

Surani said, accusing them of "naivety. They think that if the families are over-burdened they will prevent the kids from doing any-

thing. But parents cannot control their children in the camps any-An army spokesman said boys aged 12 to 14 are taken to Nasser Street, but no figures were avail-

able on how many are held. Palestinians say much younger boys are also detained, blind-folded, refused food and beaten. Mr. Surani said dozens are detained each month in Gaza.

According to the army, the maximum fine is 500 shekels. But not all boys go to military HO. Some receive a short, sharp shock. Abdul Hadi Ahmad, 6, and

Rahmi Azzaim, 10, were caught by soldiers last week in the rubble-strewn back-streets of Gaza's Sheikh Radwan district. Witnesses watched in horror as soldiers hung both by their ankles from a roof-top.

"They slapped me and kept pointing a rifle at my chest and asking me who threw the stones," Rahmi said, "They told us they were soldiers who killed Palestinians and could kill us if they

The soldiers set them free after the younger boy was so fright-ened his bowels gave way.

The shooting dead of minors — five Gaza children under 16 died from Israeli gunfire last month attracts headline news but pyschiatrist Eyad El Sarraj, v heads the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, warned that many survivors face severe

'The 'children of the stone' are not made of stone. They suffer pain and fear," Mr. El Sarraj

A recent United Nations Children's Fund report estimated that 22,000 Gazan children have been injured since the intifada erupted in December 1987.

A Gaza community study of 2,800 children found that 42 per cent had been beaten by the army, 55 per cent had watched beatings, 19 per cent had been detained. Nine out of 10 had inhaled tear gas, eight out of 10

suffered night-time house raids.
"It is difficult to imagine the future of these children, even in peace. It is certain however that many will continue to harbour the pain, the guilt and the anger. It is also certain that some will turn against their own children and against themselves," Mr. El SarSunday's Economic Pulse By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

New thinking in economic talks

The Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan organised last week a large-scale conference on Jordanian economy — problems and prospects. Some 200 participants took part in the conference, and around 32 research papers were part in the conference, and around sectors of the Lordanian presented covering various aspects and sectors of the Jordanian

The conference was a turning point in Jordanian economists thinking. For the first time, economists were referring to the Arab-Israeli peace settlement as a fact of life and discussing its possible negative and positive economic consequences. The concept of peace settlement was treated objectively. No one tried to oversell the idea or, conversely, to raise objections against it or warn that a disaster is in the making. One can say that most speakers were on the optimistic side.

The economic adjustment programme was also discussed in one paper and referred to in several papers and during discussions without the old vehement objections. As a matter of fact, an observer can divide participants into two groups. The first thinks that the programme is vital to the Jordanian economy and the second is taking it for granted without objections, and learning to live with it which is a healthy rion.

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Another first at this conference was the successful interaction among academicians of the university and practitioners of the private sector. Both categories of intellectuals were talking the same language. The conspicuous absentees were the politicians, especially ministers, Parliament deputies and parties' leaders who missed this valuable opportunity of learning. Unfortunately, those activists will remain behind events instead of keeping abreast and becoming able to take responsible positions towards. current and future issues. For the first time, new issues were discussed, such as whether

we have or not an economic philosophy, what are its salient points, if they existed and whether it is better for us to adopt a specific industrial policy or take a hands-off type of policy towards

Among the main themes discussed were the experiment of the new tigers (industrialised countries) in the Far East, especially Singapore, and whether Jordan can make use of it; whether industry should concentrate on producing for export or domestic

Having arranged successfully this excellent conference, covering the overall economic scene, perhaps the Centre For Strategic Studies may like to arrange a chain of workshops to tackle specific issues, such as the new economic development plan, the economic adjustment programme, general sales tax, foreign indebtedness, poverty, unemployment etc. Such specific seminars or workshops focusing on certain issues may result in formulating practical answers and trends that may be helpful to the Jordanian decisionmakers. At least those decisionmakers may become able to recognise their options and decide on one or another alternative course of action.

The conference was not only an achievement for the centre. and its director, Dr. Mustafa Hamarneh, it was also an achievement to the credit of the university which was always rightly accused of shying away from dealing with vital issues facing the country and the society. Success must lead to more success, and the visible achievement of the Centre for Strategic Studies will definitely encourage the private sector to provide the funds badly needed to finance research activities that the university's budget does not allow.

Unlike other conferences, the research papers were not distributed among participants or journalists, therefore we expect the centre to publish the volume covering the proceedings of the conference as early as possible. Some papers may need editing to remove irrelevant materials and lengthy introductions or unneces; sary historical coverage.

LETTERS

Points clarified

To the Editor:

On June 12, 1993, the Jordan Times opinion page featured an article entitled "Opposition reports cause little stir in Iran" which contained inaccurate information and analysis on the situation in Iran and the Iranian people's resistance. It is appropriate that the following points be clarified for your readers:

1. The article's title is itself misleading. The press conferences held by Rafsanjani's defence, intelligence and interior ministers the day after the reports appeared in the press show that the resistance operations "cause a lot of stir in Iran". Significantly, the regime's intelligence minister was obliged in his recent conference to acknowledge the Mujahedeen's operations in Iran over the past year, among them the bomb blast at Khomeini's tomb which, in contrast to the author's contention, is not in the Iran-Iraq border region but a few kilometres from Tehran.

2. The article portrays the regime's extreme reactions to these operations, such as the bombardment of a National Liberation Army base 90 kilometres inside Iraqi territory, as a natural reaction to be expected from any government, rather than fear of the "Mujahedeen threat". The retaliatory airstrike, which the author himself describes as "violent", was carried out in an extremely sensitive region in violation of the sovereignty of a neighbouring state and U.N. Security Council resolutions. Moreover, subsequent pronouncements by the mullahs' regime were not limited to declarations about not tolerating border penetrations, and clearly revealed the regime's fear of the real threat posed by the Mujahedeen.

3. In relating the assassination of a Mujahedeen member in Pakistan, the article's author is very conscientious about citing the denial of a regime described by most countries as the worst state sponsor of terrorism (as noted by the Jordan Times in its report on remarks by the U.S. Secretary of State in meetings with the European Community). He carefully makes note as well of the description of the Mujahedeen as a "terrorist organisation" by the defence minister of a regime which always has a hard time introducing its diplomats to other countries because of their terrorist backgrounds. In more than one country, this regime's "diplomats" and Intelligence Ministry agents are being sought by local authorities for their role in assassinations of oppositionists.

4. The author has intentionally reduced his figures on the number of the NLA's forces. His depiction contradicts the previous report on the National Liberation Army (NLA) by his employer. Renter News Agency, prepared by a correspondent who had seen the army first-hand.

5. At various points in the article, the author cites views by

"diplomats" on the Mujahedeen's recent operations and their "diplomats" on the Mujahedeen's recent operations and their impact on the ruling regime. The quotations are reminiscent of those attributed to "diplomats" in 1979 regarding the stability of the Shah's regime and absence of "any threat" to it.

6. The author says the Mujahedeen's presence in Iraq has

reduced their popularity among the Iranian people, for which claim he cites anonymous "Iranian analysts".

Meanwhile, the number of NLA combatants in Iraq continues to grow by the day, and even the regime's own press reflects the popular support for resistance. The Iranian people are not fooled by the warmongering used by Khomeini to prolong his unpatriotic war for eight years. They know that their primary enemy is the ruling regime of the mullahs,

Office of the People's Mujahedeen of Iran,

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Iraqi artist depicts Jordanian landscape

By Najwa Kefaya Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The 28 oil painting, Iraqi artist Mohammad Fradi, presently exhibited at Alia Art Gallery are characterised by their expressiveness, genuinity, and Movement.

In spite of the fact that the paintings are all reproductions of landscape and natural scenery, the good lighting effects, and therefore the presence of shadowy images, manage to trigger the viewer's sight. Another factor that should be given credit in creating this effect are the striking oil colours brushed vigorously on canvas in a solid composition.

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to give a strong impression.

Small details, such as clothes hanging on a line on the roof of a Amman house, the reflection of the movement of the water of a running stream, the glare of sun-shine behind a black cloud, all add up movement and stir life in a

painting.
What is also impressive about this exhibition is that each painting manages to pull you into it separately and in a different way than the other. In each painting there is a focal point, or a point of departure, which leads the viewer to the rest of the scene. This focal attraction could be either a splash of light, a concentration of colours or a form. The artist, who has arrived in

Jordan ten months ago, and has ated. However, he is honest in been researching the Jordanian expressing to the viewer his gralandscape throughout its different seasons, has finally come to understand it and come to terms

One of his paintings hurts the eye with its aggressive green. This, explains the artist, was one of his first "spring" paintings whereby his reproduction of the green fields was a bit exagger-

dual development in coming into terms with the Jordanian nature.

Amman, as portrayed by the artist, whether from a high angle or from below, looks real and fresh. "I try to interact with the environment without anchoring my vision within it," he says. He tries to create new forms out of nature by means of new composi-

There are five paintings which are different than the others in his collection. They are more or less abstract paintings on the same topic: nature. They are, as the artist puts it, a natural development of his artistic style. "Abstraction happens spontaneously in my artistic life at present. I feel this is going to be my next stage. I unconsciously neglect to put

some details in a painting, or minimal lines without which a painting may very well be described as abstract," he says adding: "I offer pairs of parallel but interconnected works, one showing my vision of reality and the other showing what happens spontaneously when we take the next step.

The exhibition will go on till



Two of Mohammad Fradi's works on display at Alia Art Gallery

Grasshoppers and locusts crisis or chronic problem?

Grasshoppers and Locusts: plague of the Sahel Published by Panos Institute, London, 1993 Price: £7.95

As another severe drought in the Sahel begins to ease, a different tragedy threatens the region — the next locust plague. But all the signs are that this age-old problem will be greeted yet again with ex- so did the interest of the pensive, short-lived emergency measures, when long-term solutions are desperately funding and support should go needed, says a new Panos book Grasshoppers and Lo-custs: Plague of the Sahel.

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Millions of dollars have been spent fighting locusts plague has also obscured the over the past 20 years — from constant but less dramatic cost using satellite early warning of grasshoppers which have systems and crop-spraying aircraft to building up farmers' metworks.

Yet from 1986 to 1988, the worst locust plague in 30 years struck, which at its height affected over 40 countries. In Senegal alone, locust swarms attacked two million hectares, and destroyed 10 per cent of the nation's harvest. "Our village lost two-thirds of its production," said a villager in Niger. "It seemed as if the more we used the pesticides, the more the locusts resisted

Donors spent \$252.5 million during that time, but left little behind in the way of long-term improvements. When the plague died down, donors and media. The book argues that more consistent towards improved monitoring and prevention and targeted crop protection.

The focus on intermittent caused more damage than locusts over the past five years.

Often chronically underfunded, the wide range of organisations involved in Sahelian pest control have different concerns and priorities. Past lack of support for research, data collection and training have been major obstacles to crop protection. Improved coordination and security of funding are

No single control method will work, argues the book.

Developing alternative methods, such as bio-pesticides, and expanding the role of village brigades and NGOs, offer new hope in the battle against locusts and grasshoppers — and should reduce dependence on environmentally risky spraying cam-

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The cycle of drought, plague and heavy pesticide use will not be broken until pest management is addressed as a wider development issue, and the emphasis shifts from short-term interventions to a more sustainable approach.

As Professor Odhiambo. director of the Nairobi-based International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology recently warned, the opportunity must not be lost to find: technologically efficient, environmentally sustainable and durable long-range methods to resolve these age-old migratory pest issues, so closely associated with vulnerable communities and fragile ecosystems."



By Derek Brown Halfa

When Dan Zaslavsky talks hot air, he talks stupendous quantijes of it, enough, indeed, for a cheap energy revolution for the

Professor Zaslavsky, dean of agricultural engineering at the Haifa Technion — the Israeli Institute of Technology — heads a project which is at once audacious and simple: to produce power from salt water and the natural heat of the desert.

The tool for converting these modest raw materials into energy would be an enormous tapering chimney, up to 8,000 ft high and 1,000 ft across at the base. Sait water would be pumped to the top and released inside as artificial rain. As it fell, the rain would meet a mass of hot air rising from openings at the bottom.

Israeli finds energy solution

Cold water on hot air

Rapidly cooled, the air would drop, turning electricity generat-ing turbines. Meanwhile the falling rain would be desalinated by evaporation and filtration, giving a bonus of fresh water.

Prof. Zaslavsky's vision is a series of towers along a canal linking the Dead Sea to the Red Sea, giving a ready catchment of salt water from both ends, and

some of the hottest air on earth.

This is more than grandiose theory. The Technion team has tested it with a model. So brimming with potential is the scheme that it was an official secret until last autumn, when the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres,

inadvertently spoke of it in

But the immense start-up cost is likely to make potential investors wary. The "Dead Red" canal, which has been frequently touted as a means of replenishing the rapidly shrinking Dead Sea and potentially for irrigating the deserts on either side, has an estimated price tag of \$2,000 million. On its own, Prof. Zaslavsky argues, it could not produce the energy needed for desalination.

On the cost of building the rain towers, Prof. Zaslavsky is inclined to irritation. "It is like asking me the cost of a pair of pants for an orphan," he replies crisply. "I have to know the age and size of the orphan and then

maybe I could say."
But on the technology he has no doubts. The cost of producing electricity could be as low as two or three U.S. cents a kilowatt/

Eventually, he says, the towers

Aeroelectric solar power system Salt water falling from the top meets hot air rising from openings in the bottom. The air cools rapidly and drops, turning turbines. Canary Whari building

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Yeltsin turns focus on polls, but old problems remain

By Raiph Boulton Reuter

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin appears to have buried prospects of a swift constitutional deal and is turning public focus on autumn polls to seal his

But in switching priorities he faces the same problem that dogged him throughout a year-long power struggle to overcome hardliners' opposition to his vision of a free-market Russia.

How can he achieve his aim against the resistance of conservative deputies? Moreover, what guarantees does he have that a new parliament would prove easier to handle?

"An election campaign is already under way in Russia," Gennady Burbulis, a close Yeltsin ally, told reporters on the fringes of the president's Kremlin Constitutional Assembly, called to draft a replacement for the Soviet-era charter.

Mr. Yeltsin summoned the assembly 10 days ago, giving it until June 16 to agree and endorse a new constitution based on his proposals for a presidency invested with sweeping powers. The task was scarcely realistic

from the start. Mr. Yeltsin says he is happy with the work of its five sections, grouping regional leaders, social groups and parliamentary and government officials. But section leaders say there is little chance of an agreed final draft for approval this month.

First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko says differences persist on the two key issues: presidential powers, especially an unlimited licence to dissolve parliament, and powersharing between Moscow and the

Alexander Yakovlev, a member of the section grouping federal officials, told reporters Monday the assembly would end with a joint declaration on June 16 or 17. But he said it would reconvene a month later and had every hope of success.

Mr. Yeltsin aims to preserve the assembly at least as a form of national "council" parallel to the congress he hopes to break. Mr. Burbulis hinted it could

assume state powers in the event of a head-on confrontation with the present parliament.

Meanwhile, the camp favour-

ing postponement of a new constitution is widening. It now embraces politicians ranging from liberal economist Grigory Yavinsky to conservative parliamentary Chairman Ruslan Khasbu-

For Mr. Yeltsin too, a new constitution has never been essential, but only a means to an end. That end was to break the challenge to his power and to his market reforms by the conservative Congress of People's Deputies, the top legislature. At the weekend, Mr. Yeltsin

predicted autumn polls. This is perhaps the only area where Mr. Yeltsin and his rival, Vice-President Alexander Ruts-

koi, agree. Mr. Burbulis, a man loathed by hardliners, said he would tour the country this month sounding out support for a pro-Yeltsin elector-al bloc as the basis of a new

political party.
Former Acting Prime Minister
Yegor Gaidar, world chess champion Garry Kasparov and cellist
Mstislav Rostropovich are among
those already backing a joint



electoral front. Communist and nationalist groupings are also preparing a campaign.

Mr. Burbulis saw any future campaign in clear terms, dividing the country into two basic parties — the "democrat-reformers" who back Mr. Yeltsin and "odious revanchists" who resist

The situation, as he well knows, is more diffuse and the dangers facing Mr. Yeltsin in an election far greater.

Mr. Yeltsin used his control over television as an effective lever of influence during April's national confidence vote and would certainly not surrender that prize for an election.

But Russians would be faced with a less obvious choice at elections. Mr. Yeltsin supporters formed an effective coalition for the 1991 presidential poll, but parliamentary elections could present them with a confusing rray of groupings.

New deputies could prove more accommodating than a congress tempered in the fires of umpteen presidential crusades. But, if elected for the firt time on the basis of party lists and proportional representation, it could also prove a more disciplined body capable of defying Mr. Yeltsin.

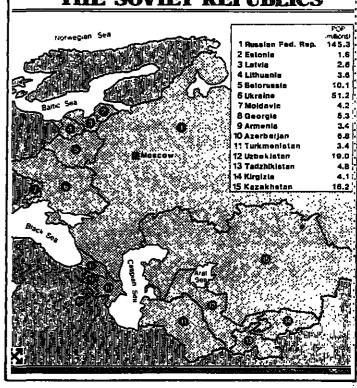
That would be the risk the president took.

Even if the Kremlin assembly agrees on a constitution, Mr. Yeltsin must find a way of giving it legal force. Regional leaders have already said the congress should be involved in passing it -something that would reduce chances of presidential success.

Mr. Yeltsin's best chances might lie in pushing through a law on elections, leaving the constitution to a future parliament.

But even here, deputies may baulk at signing their own political death warrants by calling elec-

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Norway leads in family planning aid to poor nations

WASHINGTON (R) - Norway's contribution to family planning assistance in developing countries stands out as a generous exception among developed countries in an otherwise disappointing trend, according to a report issued Saturday.

The Scandinavian nation topped 20 leading Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries for per capita donations to developing countries' population control efforts, the report by Population Action International said.

With a contribution of more than \$50 million in 1991, Norway's contribution to family planning amounted to \$12 for every Norwegian man, woman and child, according to the non-profit, Washington-based research and

alvocacy group.
It said Norway was the only country to meet a donation target of allocating four per cent of their overall aid to developing countries toward family planning programmes. The target was set at a 1989 forum on population in Amsterdam.

Other leading contributors in 1991 were the United States, with \$352 million, Germany with \$76 million and Japan with \$63 million, the group said. But per capita, the donations were only \$1.38 for the United States, 94 cents for Germany and 52 cents for Japan, it said.

The report. Global Population Assistance: A Report Card on the Major Doner Countries," found overall trends in aid to developing countries' family planning and other postulation activities to be "Giser, ointing." Adjusted for inflation, aid

from donor countries rose by less than one per cent in the 1970s and

"The demand for family planning in developing countries poses a challenge to the world community that is not being ract," said Shanti Conly, the group's senior policy analyst and coauthor of the study.

"If donors are serious about extending the right to family casting to everyone who wants it by the end of this decade, they + along with the developing themselves — will $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ le provide funds, about \$11 bil-Sch a year; in constant 1990 dollars) by the year 2000," Ms. Conly said.

Blaming the disappointing refults on a lack of political comliment, inadequate comestic empertise and the weakness of various organisations, the report said only half the world's couples have access to family planning

It called on the 20 developed countries to increase their donations to family planning services in developing countries by five-foid over 1991 levels

Germany's Kohl brushes aside unions, Mitterrand China, Hong Kong sign pushes for overhaul of labour laws

BONN (R) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his centre-right coalition Friday brushed aside protests by the country's unions and stepped up pressure for an overhaul of labour laws to ensure Germany's industrial survival.

Mr. Kohl told Germans they should stop whingeing and work harder to help the country regain its international competitiveness but the powerful I.G. Metall Union, the country's largest, flatly rejected proposals to increase weekly work hours.

As around 3,000 textile workers rallied in Bonn in protest at slashed jobs of up to 10 per cent last year in the west. I.G. Metall's anger was echoed by the main public-sector union OETV, which said Bonn had no right to demand longer hours.

Mr. Kohl remained unmoved. "I simply can't understand this discussion about whether we

GATT seeks

government

contracts to

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GENEVA (R) -- Major trading

nations will push to reach an

accord by the year-end which

would open up government pro-

curement contracts worth \$1,000

billion to international competi-

tive bidding, a GATT spokesman

Japan, the United States and

European Community are among

23 countries hoping to extend an

existing GATT pact to cover pro-

curement of services, utilities,

and contracts awarded by local

and state governments, the

spokesman told a news briefing.

tiations and reach agreement on a text and coverage by Dec. 15,"

David Woods, spokesman of the General Agreement on Tariffs

An accord would permit inter-

national bidding in such lucrative

public sectors as electricity, railways and telecommunications -

now largely awarded to domestic

"It is estimated that up to

\$1,000 billion of government pro-

curement could be opened up to

international competitive bidding

through the extension of the agreement," Mr. Woods said.

This was roughly equal to the

stimated value of world trade in

services, according to the 111-

member state body.
Negotiators intend to examine

bilateral telecommunications

accord which Germany made

with the United States as a possi-

ble model for a multilateral

accord, the GATT spokesman

multilateralise the accord." Mr.

Woods said.

"It would be a logical idea to

and Trade (GATT), said.

"They intend to intensify nego-

to open

bidding

should work one hour more or less," he told an interim Christian Democrat (CDU) party congress. "We are talking about securing

But I.G. Metall said it had no intention of giving up a 35-hour week deal starting in 1995. "We will hold fast to the stepby-step plan leading to a 35-hour work week," a spokeswoman told

"Shortened working hours have created one million new jobs in the metal industry." she said. "Pressure will grow to increase hours but I.G. Metall will

comes on top of government plans to cut social welfare such as employment benefits. OETV Chairwoman Monika

The proposal for longer hours-

Wulf-Matthies said in Stuttgart all unions were horrified at how

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) banned

six textile factories from export-

ing garments to the United States after they imported clothing from Asian countries and switched the

Mohammad Al Sharhan, head

of certificates of origin at the UAE Ministry of Commerce,

said Saturday the factories violated a deal between the UAE

and the United States which

limits U.S. clothing imports from

"We will not grant them export

The deal allows UAE garment

factories to export 1.6 million

units, each containing 12 clothing items, to the United States under

a three-year agreement due to

expire at the end of 1993.

the Gulf Arab state.

visas," he told Reuters.

politicians were prepared to question labour agreements.

"The government is looking for confrontation in defiance of the law," she said, after a meeting of the OETV members' expert panel on wages in east and west

The government warned that Germany's industrial survival was at stake. "It must be possible to also

work on Sundays and holidays when this is necessary to create and secure jobs," Economics Minister Guenter Rexrodt told In addition to allowing work on Sundays — unheard of in Ger-

many - the reform should enable companies to have employees work up to 10 hours a day, he said.

Germany has the world's shor-test working hours and most paid

The United States is a main

market for UAE-made shirts,

trousers, sleepwear, sportwear and raincoats. UAE clothing ex-

ports worldwide totalled about

The Emirates News Agency in

February said the chamber of

commerce and industry called for more protection for the garment industry to prevent imitations and

Industry sources have urged more regulation of the garment

industry. They said some UAE garment factories stitch "Made in

the UAE" labels on clothes from

Pakistan, India or other Asian

countries which have exhausted

their own U.S. quota limits.

from exporting to the United limits by exporting to the U.S. via States. He did not know many types of garments were affected.

A UAE free zone port official

UAE bans six textile plants

from export to United States

\$165 million last year.

ncrease exports.

holidays. The country's four million metalworkers have been working a 36-hour week since April and this is set to fall again to 35 hours in October 1995.

Except for some industries like steel, where blast furnaces must be kept lit around the clock, German factories may only operate two shifts daily and may not work Sundays or holidays.

In a move which shocked some unions, the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) are backing proposals for longer hours.

Heide Simonis, SPD premier of the Schleswig-Holstein state, said Wednesday that all state employees, who now work 38.5 hours a week, will have to add an hour in order to help the state cut costs. Conservative Bavaria and other regional states have also indicated that they might follow

said they were aware of the prob-

lem of label-switching and try to

control it by comparing bills of

lading on garments entering

UAE ports with those exported

Mr. Sharhan said the ban

would not prevent the companies

from exporting to other destina-

tions such as Canada and Europe.

officials are due to meet in Dubai

next week to review problems

facing the sector, which accounts

for 10 per cent of the UAE's

The emirates industrial bank

said in March the UAE has 115

textile and garment factories.

non-oil manufacturing units.

UAE commerce and ministry

by garment manufacturers.

urges EC defence against cheap

imports PARIS (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand said Friday that the European Community (EC) must adopt stiffer trade barriers to protect its markets from goods produced in low-wage countries lacking labour rights.

"I would like to see the European Community give itself common rules to protect its industries from foreign goods reduced in social conditions that cause such an imbalance in the costs of production that we cannot long put up with the competition." Mr. Mitterrand said.

The socialist president, speaking to Danish television, acknowledged that he was advocating a form of protectionism.

"But Europe was found at the time of the Treaty of Rome on the notion of preference among Community members," he said, referring the 1957 treaty founding

Mr. Mitterrand's remarks, made three days before next week's EC summit meeting, were echoed in an interview with France's new conservative European affairs minister, Alain Lamassoure, in the daily Le

"Countries which force children to work, which resort to massive counterfeit, cannot be said to respect the same ground rules as we do and cannot benefit from normal trade concessions. Mr. Lamassoure said. "We need a certain form of protectionism against these kinds of acts."

The remarks by Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Lamassoure highlighted concern in France that a GATT world trade deal could tear down EC trade barriers, leaving the Community market vulnerable to a flood of products from developing countries where wages and welfare benefits are

Earlier this week Philippe de Villiers of the centre-right Union for French Democracy called on Prime Minister Edouard Balladur to apply more stringent customs duties to protect EC industries like textiles and cars from lowwage Asian nations.

A senior French official said France had broached the idea of such compensatory duties with the European Commission and its Group of Seven partners. Duties raised under the plan would be ploughed back into the Asian countries to help strengthen their workers' social safety net.

Industry Minister Gerard Longuet told the senate (upper house) Thursday that the government would ask EC heads of state and governments meeting in Copenhagen Monday and Tuesday to plug holes in the EC's system of textile quotas.

pact on regulating stocks The first two are expected to be industrial giant Shanghai Pet

PEKING (R) — China and Hong Kong signed a breakthrough agreement Saturday, allowing rochemical and the premier been companies which were the backbone of Peking's communist economy to list their shares on the capitalist colony's stock ex-

The memorandum of regulatory cooperation seeks to reassure international investors that the Chinese shares will be subject to the same scrutiny and the same rules as any other listing in Hong

Kong.
"The very purpose of this exercise is to establish a framework to provide a sufficient level of protection." Robert Nottle, chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, told news conference. The parties to the agreement

demonstrate to international investors... (that) they publicly acknowledge their responsibility to enhance protection for investors," he said.

Mr. Nottle and Charles Lee, chairman of the Stock Exchange

of Hong Kong, signed the agree-ment for the Hong Kong side. China's signatories were Liu Hongru, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, and the chairman of the country's two stock exchanges in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

The agreement says the basic principles of trading are that it should be orderly, efficient and transprent.

It paves the way for nine specially selected state-owned firms to list in Hong Kong, as China market economy.

within weeks but officials de-clined to give dates. Mr. Lee said that at least three or four compaoanies would be ready this yeary but possibly not all nine. Mr. Liu quoted Vice-Premier.
Zhu Rongji as telling of the signatories: "The listing of the nine,

maker, Tsingtao Brewery.

aker, Tsingtao Brewery.

Analysts expect their listing

enterprises in Hong Kong is a very meaningful act. We must do China's first stock market since, 1949 opened in Shanghai only in December 1990. The country has never had an open and transparent system of doing business and. still has not published a complete

set of laws governing stock trad-Anthony Neoh, a legal expert= who is a member of the Hong Kong stock exchange's council said Saturday's agreement — combined with regulations aiready announced by China - 1 would protect investors in the

shares listed in Hong Kong.
"I would consider that in China now there is in fact an infrastructure for regulating securities... there is a company law infrastructure we can build on," he said. Under the agreement, both

sides promise to ensure compliance wiht each other's rules and to develop systems for consultation and training.

The fact specifically demands "the discovery of, and taking action against, insider trading, speeds up its drive towards a market manipulation and other fraudulent practices."

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JUNE 20, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This Father's Day when the Moon in Cancer (Moonchild) Squares Jupiter, you can expect to be much different than some recent celebrations. Expect the unexpected but don't allow yourself to be thrown

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You can now make a well orga-nised plan of action whereby you have a greater amount of expertise for putting your mundane aims into active expression.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You will find that by being open-minded to changes in business matters that you will be able to attain a far greater success in the future. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You can see how better organising your life can bring you far more efficiency in business as well as astute-ness in dealing with a business

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) This is the day for you to bring into the open your worldly ambitions and the means by which you feel they can be most effectivelv realised

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Now you have a good day to schedule your coming week's activities in such a common sense manner that whatever duties you have should flow smoothly.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) The practical aspects of the various entertainment and recrea-

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tion outlets that you enjoy the most can be considered and handled wisely today.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Don't ask family members for assistance but get at whatever you want to improve at your residence and do it in a conscientious and

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A good time to get out those communications that take time and extra hought. Discuss you can benefit in your life.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Now you have a day when you can use spare time to take a good look at your property and possessions and find ways to make them more valuable.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You like to get every aspects of any condition in a most efficient and well rounded efficiency and this is a day to do so with

your personal goals. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Forget that wishful thinking and those social pleasures today and get into how you are going to really live the helpfulness you want

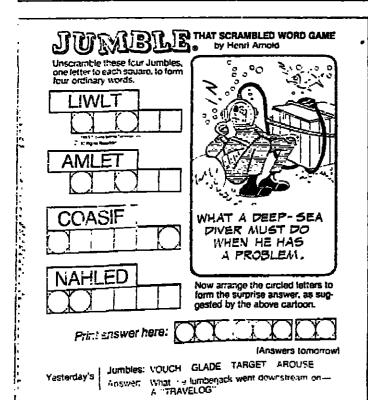
to give to humanity. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Friends and acquaintances who have been good to you can be done something for now to show your appreciation with beneficial results following.

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Overhang 54 Thought 55 Sentry's best 56 Otherwise



"Of course I'm glad we met! I'd feel silly being your husband if we'd never met!"



Mr. Sharhan said the six com-Most are based in Sharjah and "It's cheaper, and also India gets around its own high quota employ Indian and Sri Lankan panies were banned as of this month for six months to one year Arab fund increases lending,

reports higher net revenue for Economic and Social Development, the leading soft loan institution in the Arab World, lent more money last year as

annual report said. In a copy of the 1992 report obtained by Reuters, the Kuwaiti-based fund said it agreed to lend 175.7 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$585.6 million) towards 11 development projects in eight

Arab states during the year. The figure was a slight increase from 171.4 million dinars (\$571.3 million) in 1991.

"The Gulf crisis did not affect our lending activities and we succeeded not only in maintaining the same level of pre-crisis lend-ing but increasing it," said a senior official.

affected after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 because most of the investments were abroad.

The Kuwaiti and Saudipreviously frozen loans to Jordan, Sudan and Yemen, which sympathised with Iraq after the invasion, the official said.

In its last governing council meeting in Damascus in April 1992, the fund decided to halt payments to Iraq, Sudan, and Somalia because they failed to pay arrears.

The fund's total accumulative soft loans to Arab countries since it began lending in 1974 reached 1.67 billion dinars (\$5.56 billion) at the end of 1992.

The fund, made up of 22 Arab states and the Palestine Libera-

rose to 1.36 billion dinars (\$4.53 billion) at the end of December; (\$4.20 billion) in 1991.

Net revenue rose to 149.4 m: lion dinars (\$498.0 million) at the end of 1992 from 111.5 million dinars (\$371.5 million) in 1991. The revenue was based on in-come from 846 million dinars (\$2.82 billion) in investments plus loan repayments.

Net income, after expenses, was 104.7 million dinars (\$349.0 million) in 1992 against 64.9 million dinars (\$216.3 million) in 1991. It did not give elaborate on the reason for the increase in revenue and income.

The fund lends at four to five per cent interest over 20 years.

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Arab firm to set up trade finance bank in Cyprus

DUBAI (R) — The London-based Arab Company for Finance and International Trade (ACFIT) is to set up a bank in Cyprus to finance trade between Arab states and eastern Europe, the firm's general

mianager was quoted as saying Saturday.

Tariq Al Maamoum Al Rayah told the Saudi-owned newspaper Al tisadiah that the new bank, trade and Finance Bank, already had a paid-up capital of \$25 million.

ACFIT had permission to set up the bank in Cyprus and hoped it could start operations in October, he added.

He said it would finance trade between countries in the Arab World, eastern Europe and North Africa, which might have trouble getting backing from international banks because of debts or balance-of-payments deficits.

He said the new bank would use the products allocated for export as security for loans to the exporting country. It would supervise the marketing of the goods in return for a letter

of credit from the buyer, Mr. Rayah said. He said initial investors in the new bank were ACFIT, the Kuwait

Company for Consultancy and Investment and a companyn called Kuwaiti Interests for Financial Investments, as well as other bnanks and individual investors.

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U.S. expert looks at privatisation in Jordan

FOLLOWING is the summary of a lecture on privatisation given by Dr. Margaret Reid, professor of political science at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, U.S., during an economic symposium organised by the Centre for Strategic Studies and held at the University of Jordan last Sunday.

By Samir Shafiq Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan lacks a sophisticated administrative infrastructure conducive to the implementation of espoused privatisation goals, Dr. Reid told the

Dr. Reid said that despite repeated affirmations by public officials, particularly since the mid-1980s, Jordan has resisted pressures to follow a path of rapid privatisation and thus has made

little headway in this area. She said Jordan had taken privatisation measures since the second five-year development plan (1980-1985) and it was obvious that the third development plan continued in the same vein.

However, Dr. Reid pointed out, the government has not yet privatised any enterprises considered appropriate candidates because the centralised decisionmaking at Cabinet level, specifically the prime minister's office, has had adverse effects on institu-

tion building elsewhere. "As the implementing agencies lack qualified staff to see such a massive project through successfully, they may be less willing to endorse such endeavours fully,"

Dr. Reid elaborated. In addition, the lecturer mentioned that market development was insufficient, at this point in time, to handle extensive participation of the population in such an effort.

Top governmental and administrative officials and business executives are in general agreement that privatisation is a necessary and worthwhile goal but, given the history of government-led economic development, suggestions for a gradual transfer of public enterprises into first pri-

reasonal approach. Yet, this avenue was seen as making little sense as it replaces a public monopoly by a private monopoly or substitutes public inefficiency with private ineffi-

vate management and then pri-vate ownership, has seemed a

While the Jordanian financial institutions are quite sophisticated, inclusive of a small stock market, these institutions are not likely to handle a larger scale participation of the private companies soon. In addition, government intervention remains pervasive at all levels, including influencing decisions of the central bank to fixing prices of certain commodities, Dr. Reid asserted.

Nonetheless, this does not mean that other steps are not viable. The government's efforts must target structural reform to accommodate the needs of the

Such options include improvements in the management en-vironment of both public and private sectors, the increased emphasis on quality and efficiency in production and service delivery, and the development of

alternate employment opportunities in medium and small industrial enterprises in agriculture, the private health sector, or the environmental field.

Additional benefits accruing to these areas are that they strengthen revenue and development (R and D) capacities. They can be performed regionally dis-persed, avoiding an overconcentration of such activities around the capital while further-ing the development of human resources at all educational levels.

Improvements in the management of public and private corporations is a central ingredient of any reform strategy in order to increase entrepreneurial capacities. The resulting productivity improvements will not only make Jordanian domestic products more competitive, but will also spur both product and process innovations.

Quality, rather than quantity must be the key component of this strategy, she stressed.

Several changes in management practices are required, however, to produce such improvements. Many Arab managers adhere to a style of management that favours centralised, control centred, formalised procedures while displaying a low degree of tolerance for flexibility, conflict and change. Motivational techniques centre on negative reinforcements rather than on developing capacities at lower levels

in the organisation. From all that we know about organisations, such management style produces mediocrity, aversion to take responsibility, playing favourites while reinforcing power distance, Dr. Reid said.

Likewise, protectionism from domestic and foreign competition perpetuates such attitudes.

Companies such as Royal Jordanian Airlines under its president Ali Ghandour have demonstrated that poor management does not have to be endemic. Under his tutelage Alia has become a successful company in a clearly defined market niche. Emphasis on employee training has been the hallmark of the company and has made it a productivity leader.

Its relatively small size however render it susceptible to economy downturns, a problem it shares with many other Jordanian enterprises. Unfavourable debt/ equity ratios heighten the Jordanian economy's dependence on domestic and foreign lenders.

In administrative settings of the public sector, corresponding problems can be found that dampen any optimism about successfully managing privatisation or engaging in viable public private partnerships that require the pooling of entrepreneurial talent

from both sectors. The dearth of managerial development at the lower and middle management ranks must be of concern to both government and private industry.

It is those individuals who would be responsible for the implementation of many privatisation programmes' operational aspects. Jordan's emphasis on higher education has not been conducive to developing the skills of these individuals. The insufficient attention to management training and development in the past imperils the success of any privatisation strategy, the lectur-

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opening of the "inner circle" of scale and may run into resentbusiness and government lead- ment from state-controlled enterership serving on various boards prises and governmental manaof companies. Corporate interlocks perpetuate a principle of the rotation of elites to the detriment of smaller and medium sized private businesses lacking access to centres of decision mak-

Companies so protected are less likely to be subjected to rigorous technical and financial appraisal and may not aggressively pursue the elimination of poor management practices where they exist. Neither government nor company will benefit from such practices in the long run as they discourage excellence and sanction mediocrity.

Likewise, protectionism of established industries from foreign competition discourages managerial improvements of troubled industries while penalising managers in successful ones.

Finally, small and medium firms entering a new field in which competition currently does not exist should be encouraged to draw their employees from the public sector, ministries or the university setting, thus reducing the burden on the government.

Whether individuals are willing to engage in such transfers is less certain. A limited incentive programmes offered by the government to those firm hiring such persons could be considered.

A second, complementary approach, would open up statecontrolled enterprises to competition to either existing (domestic or foreign) private enterprises or other governmental agencies. Again, the needed entrepreneurialism for such efforts is

Improvements also involve the not likely available at a large

Joint ventures with foreign companies, the search for new exports markets in Asia and Africa could begin to lessen Jordanian dependence on the Middle Eastern markets and the political

volatility besetting those markets. Dr. Reid noted that it was by no means clear that large scale privatisation would shore up this situation. Institutional conditions had not changed that would warrant such a conclusion. The absence of large industrial market players, the heavy reliance of the economy on commercial trade. the slow development of the agricultural sector leave serious doubts whether the implementation of any type of privatisation strategy can be successfully concluded at this time.

It may be more reasonable to attempt intermediate solutions such as contracting to allow administrative agencies to grow into regulatory roles and allow the market sufficient time to adjust.

Budgetary goals would also be met, without relinquishing complete public control. Sizeable experiences already exist in other countries to reduce the learning curve needed. Severe doubts remain, however, whether a particularistic administrative system is currently capable of even achiev-

ing such more moderate goals. Professor Reid concluded that the current crisis may speed the process to prepare those statecontrolled enterprises with greater autonomy and economic selfsufficiency for release into the

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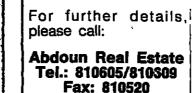
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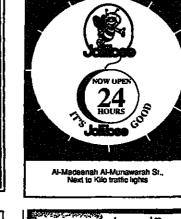
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Tapan's LDP calls July 18 elections; power seen ebbing

TOKYO (R) — Shell-shocked flected in Friday's sharp fall of the yen against the dollar after weeks of appreciation. led a general election for July 18 and analysts predicted that their 38-year monopoly on power was coming to an end.

The move followed Friday's shock defeat for the government in a no-confidence vote and the LDP's subsequent dissolution of the Lower House.

Voters look certain to strip the LDP of its majority, ushering in a period of political turbulence and government instability.

One of the few people in Japan

to express public optimism was the battered prime minister himself, Kiichi Miyazawa.

Asked by reporters if he was concerned about the LDP losing its Lower House majority for the first time. Mr. Miyazawa replied:

We're not going to lose."

Yet it will be a gravely wounded Miyazawa who hosts the Group of Seven summit of top industrial nations in Tokyo on July 7-9 against a backdrop of

furious campaigning.

Japan's partners watched with dismay this week as his government fell apart, leaving officials incapable of taking decisions on pressing issues from world trade to aid for Russia. International concern was re-

SARAJEVO (R) — U.N. offi-

cials Saturday accused Serb

forces besieging the east Bosnian

Muslim enclave of Gorazde of

obstructing access for relief aid to

70,000 people on the brink of

Muslim-controlled Busnian

state radio reported renewed

Serb assaults on villages ringing

Gorazde that defined its defence

lines but fighting eased elsewhere in Bosnia after Friday's collapse

of yet another ceasefure accord.

enclave of Krajina began voting

in a two-day plebiscite on merg-ing with the self-styled Serb Re-

public in Bosnia in pursuit of an,

eventual "greater Serbia."

The U.N. Security Council

gave the green light Friday for despatching 7,600 more

peacekeeping troops to Bosnia to protect Muslims in designated

'safe havens" like Gorazde but

their deployment remains weeks

away.
With international mediation

In Croatia, Serbs in the rebel

The party which has monopolised power since 1955 faces exemplary punishment at the hands of an electorate disgusted by revelations of the cynical, institutionalised public corruption that the LDP has come to represent.

Yet it could not delay the day of reckoning for fear of worse to come. On July 22 comes the opening of the trial of former LDP kingpin Shin Kanemaru on charges of massive tax evasion on sums he is alleged to have creamed off from illegal political donations.

It was Mr. Miyazawa's failure to honour a pledge to enact anticorruption measures, after his mentor was caught allegedly with his hand in the till, that triggered, the dramatic no-confidence vote in parliament.

About one quarter of the LDP's 274 Lower House mem-bers either abstained or voted with the opposition after Socialist Party chief Sadao Yamahana angrily accused Mr. Miyazawa of breaking public trust.

"He has betrayed the people by promising political reform and then refusing to allow parliament to debate the issue.

now pointing towards an ethnic

partition of Bosnia, Serbs, Mus-

"The prime minister is a liar," he thundered.

When the motion was put to the vote, opposition members scenting blood cheered boisterously as, one after another, LDP rebels appeared at the um holding white ballot slips — the colour signifying support for the motion.

Euphoria broke out as Lower House Speaker Yoshio Sakurauchi announced passage of the motion by 255 votes to 220 in a chamber where the LDP had thought it had a safe majority. Commentators hailed the end of a political era.
The LDP rebellion was led by

Mr. Miyazawa's former Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata, whose pro-reform faction has 35 Lower House members. Other party lawmakers defected too. In the immediate aftermath. 11 members from other factions - mostly first-term legislators announced they were leaving the

Kyodo News Agency said Saturday that Mr. Hata now looked set to formalise his break with the LDP next week and fight the July election as leader of a new group, possibly fielding as many as 100 candidates.

Former Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe, who until fall-

Miyazawa's likely successor, slammed the prime minister Saturday for mishandling the cri-

"I can't forgive Prime Minister Miyazawa for many of the things he has said and done," a visibly ailing Watanabe told an emergency meeting of his LDP faction. "He's a smooth talker but then

doesn't take any responsibility."
He also criticised Mr. Miyazawa for risking a vote of noconfidence just before the Tokyo summit.

Mr. Watanabe appealed to pro-reformers in his faction seven of whom voted with the opposition Friday - not to desert the ruling party in its darkest

"There's the d: nger that we'll end up like Italy, ith many small parties creating olitical confusion," he said.

Former Prime linister Yasuhiro Nakasone, o e of the LDP elders who made Ar. Miyazawa renege on his anti-corruption pledge, scornfully dismissed the idea that the Japanese wanted

change.
"What the people want most is but a stable not electoral reform but a stable yen-dollar rate and a healthy economy," he said.

Serbs obstruct aid access to Gorazde

lims and Croats were likely to focus on seizing as much land as they could. Tony Land, operations director for the U.N. High Commission for Refugees in Sarajevo, said to agency had a 10-truck emergency relief convoy ready to head for from the north, he said.

Gorazde. But the Serbs were effectively denying access by insisting the convoy use an untried, dangerous route via the settlement of Ustripraca, five kilometres south, where Muslim-Serb clashes were

reported Friday, he said. "Effectively, we are being iven an impossible route," Mr. Land told a news conference in the Bosnian capital, also besieged by Serbs. Sarajevo is another of the six intended U.N. safe

Mr. Land said eight U.N. military monitors (UNMOS) who finally entered Gorazde Wednesday had pronounced the Useripaca corridor "out of the ques-

The Bosnian Serb rebel command had declined to explain why they were insisting on the new route from the east instead of the normal one into Gorazde

UNMOS have described a humanitarian emergency in Gorazde where wide swathes of the town have been gutted by Serb artillery in a year-long siege that intensified three weeks ago but abated when the UNMOS

Hundreds have been killed and wounded, UNMOS said Gorazde was gravely short of food and clean water and its hospital over-whelmed by wounded with little means of treating them.
Sarajevo Radio quoted a

Gorazde ham radio operator as saying Serb attacks continued Saturday with the strongest thrusts on the settlement of Donja Crova Rivan where Bosnian

government army defence lines

vere breached Friday. It reported heavy fighting in two other front-line villages, Lovakovici and Zigovi with losses on both sides. The Serbs were pouring in reinforcements and the radio said UNMOS were touring the front to assess the

Relative calm reigned in Sarajevo with occasional sniper fire in the centre and the nearby frontline precinct of Hrasno.

Fighting slackened off in the Muslim-Croat war zone of central for U.N. reforms including a voluntary peacekeeping force, Bosnia where Muslim forces expansion of the Security Council and a command and control facillaunched an offensive early this month for living space to comity at its New York Headquarpensate for huge losses to Serbs in the north and east over the past

The former British foreign minister, who has spent much of Veso Vegar, spokesman for the Croatian Militia Army (HVO), reported gunfire by both sides the past year trying to negotiate a peaceful settlement to the war in Bosnia, said Germany and Japan "on the level of provocations" in and possibly India, Nigeria and Brazil should be made members the divided city of Mostar where frontline troops were dug in only 10 metres apart in some place .

reflected in the permanent membership of the Security Council," he said in a speech in London. Lord Owen, the European Community's chief negotiator on

"It is patently absurd that the

economic strength and the political clout of the Federal Repub-

lic of Germany and Japan are not

U.N. voluntary force

150 killed or missing in Bangladesh floods

Seven people died in the city of

three million and thousands

abandoned their homes as 265

millimetres of rain fell in 24 hours

until Saturday morning.
Four of the people died in a

landslide, one was electrocuted

and two were swept away by

dents have been affected, many

lost their homes and belongings.

one city official told reporters.

death toll from floods in the

northeast at more than 100, in-

cluding 25 who drowned when a

Meteorologists said Saturday

storm sank their river ferry Fri-

the floods, which had started to

recede several days ago,

worsened after the fresh spell of

day, officials said.

"At least one-third of the resi-

Local officials earlier put the

water gushing from the hills.

Yugoslavia, has admitted that the multi-ethnic peace plan for Bosnia that he devised with former U.N. mediator Cyrus Vance had failed but he said some aspects of it should be salvaged. He added that there were les-

Shum children on a makeshift raft bead for solid land from

stranded by floods in Bangladesh (AFP photo)

DHAKA (R) - Floods and

storms ravaging Bangladesh have killed more than 100 people and

nearly 50 others are missing, also

believed dead, officials said

The flooding, caused by rain

and swollen rivers washing down

from the Himalayas, has affected

nearly three million people across

the impoverished country, much

of which has suffered as a result

Thousands have been made

homeless, and in the capital Dha-

ka many streets were knee-deep

Officials said 40 fishermen

vere missing after three trawlers

"The sea is still rough and we

sank in the Bay of Bangal during

fear the missing men are all dead," one official in Chittagong

Owen urges

LONDON (R) - International

negotiator Lord Owen has called

a storm Friday.

of heavy rain since Thursday.

Saturday.

sons to be learned from the Bos-

portance of a volunteer U.N. "There is everything to recom-

nian crisis and stressed the im-

Winds blowing at 70 kph (43 mph) flattened hundreds of bamboo-and-straw huts, making

thousands of people homeless,

hampered by poor communica-

efforts have not always been successful," said an official in Sylbet,

one of the worst-affected dis-

He said many people were per-

ched on roofs of their submerged

homes. Thousands have been

evacuated or have moved to safer

Chittagong officials said road

links between the poil and Chit-

tagong Hill Tracts remained cut

off after flash floods washed away

four small bridges. Landslides

blocked the partly covered high-

way to Cox's Bazar coastal town.

They said relief efforts are

"We are trying our best but

relief workers said.

mend U.N. forces being solely and wholly made up of volunteers ...such a force should be specifically and collectively trained with an ethos of U.N. peacekeeping and peacemaking.

Lord Owen said the scope for military intervention in the former Yugoslavia is constrained due to the terrain and the complexity of the war and called for a centralised U.N. control centre.

Timekeepers to give world an extra second on June 30

second since 1972.

2nd biggest private art collection

MADRID (AFP) — Spain ha bought the world's second biggest private art collection for \$338 million, Spanish Culture Minister & bled Jordi Sole Tura said. The cabinet with Friday approved a decree buying set stitle 775 masterpieces in the Thys. sen-Bornemisza Collection from the man their current owner, the Favorita Trustees Limited, capping six years of negotiations. The value of the collection was estimated at \$1.7 billion in 1990 by the Sotheby's auction house, making MAPP it the most extensive private art the Collection after that of Britain's Queen Elizabeth. Some 715 paintings from the collection are our currently on display at Madrid's with the beautiful and the state of the st collection after that of Britain's villahermosa Palace, with another 60 due to be exhibited the Pedralbes monastery in Barcelona, said Sole Tura. Among celona, said Sole Tura. Among famous works included in the collection are the Harlequin by Picasso, the Annunciation by Jan Van Eyck and the portrait of a Cavalier by Carpaccio. The purchase will ensure the works stay in Spain, officials said. Other regulable by the property included the would-be buyers included the Barsh Paul Getty Foundation in Califor- 3000 bo nia and Swiss museums. The collection previously belonged to readmit Baron Thyssen, whose wife is the san look former Miss Spain Carmen Cer-

Mother reunites with son nabbed

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PEKING (AFP) — A Chinese stand mother has been reunited with her son after he mysteriously and re paper said.

White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — An incident at the White House has confirmed that the presidential complex is not the healthiest place for a fugitive from justice to visit. Demetrios Papademetriou; 42, of Fairfax, Va., arrived at the White House for an appointment. Secret Service agents manning the entrance gate went through the standard routine of running his name through their computer. Their security system worked. The computer showed an outstanding warrant on him for pos-session of stolen property. The officers confirmed the warrant, then placed him under arrest, said Secret Service spokeman Curtis Eldridge. Mr. Papademetriou was handed over to District of Columbia Police. The Secret Service did not disclose whom Mr. Papademetriou had an

Police hunt called off after girl

LONDON (R) — British police called off a kidnap hunt after a 14-year-old girl admitted she left a plea for help on an answering machine as a prank. Police interviewed the girl but said she would not be charged for causing the false alarm. Her message, left on the answering machine of a confpany in Warwick, central England, said in a faltering voice: Please someone help me. I need help. I'm ...the old broken down shed in Harbury, somewhere in Harbury, I think ... these people have got me here. Please help.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EC leaders meet Monday

COPENHAGEN (R) - European Community (EC) leaders gather for a summit meeting Monday amid fears of a repeat of bloody riots that followed Denmark's Maastricht Treaty referendum last month. Left-wing demonstrators who figured in Denmark's worst post-war riots after Danes voted "yes" to the EC's union treaty on May 18 say they will stage five days of peaceful protests around the two-day summit. The police, mounting their biggest security operation since the last EC summit in Copenhagen in 1987, are hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. "I hope that the Danish historical way of making manifestations — the humouristic, peaceful way — will take over," Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen told Reuters in an interview. "My hope is that the demonstrations will be peaceful, will be clear, but not using violent measures. I hope that what we saw on the night after the referendum will not be seen ever more in my country," he said.

Arson injures 2 foreigners in Germany

KIEL, Germany (AFP) - Amnesty International has called for the United Nations to station an observer in Germany as police said Saturday that another arson attack on an asylum-seekers hostel injured two foreigners. The two foreigners were hospitalised with slight injuries after unidentified arsonists used an inflammable liquid to set fire to a hostel in Raisdorf, near this north German city, at about 3 a.m. (0100 GMT), police said. Police were not sure of the injured persons' nationalities, but ...! one had hurt himself when jumping out of a window to escap-fire, and the other had suffered smoke inhalation. Meanwiyoung German woman and her child died in a fire in Berlin Saturday, police reported. Police said they could not determine whether it was arson. The fire broke out in the basement of a house in the Berlin's Kreuzberg neighbourhood, which has a large Turkish community.

Yeltsin tours Yakutia

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin met with local leaders and toured a jewelry factory in the diamond-rich Siberian Republic of Yakutia Saturday to rally regional support for his new constitution, news media said. Mr. Yeltsin, who arrived Friday in the region 5,000 kilometres east of Moscow, told residents they should be allowed to exercise greater economic control over their abundant natural resources. He was trying to garner support from the independent-minded Yakutia for his draft post-Soviet constitution. Yakutia has partially broken from Moscow since signing the federation treaty last year binding together Russia's 20 ethnic republics. Yeltsin also was trying to soothe a renewed dispute over Russia's diamonds and gold. Yakutia, with a population of about 1.2 million, mines about 35 per cent of the gold and 98 per cent of diamonds for Russia, which in turn account for about one-fourth of the world's supply of the uncut gems.

Cosmonauts complete space walk

MOSCOW (R) -- Two Russian cosmonauts completed a four and a half hour space walk Saturday to carry out work on the orbiting station Mir, ITAR-TASS News Agency said. Gennady Manakov and Alexander Poleshchuk, who had run into a series of hitches on their last walk on April 20, replaced a lost handle on a loading boom and used it to mount a new electric drive for solar batteries. The two cosmonauts, who have manned Mir for the past five months, returned safely to their cabin after four hours and 33 minutes and TASS said both felt fine. Mir has been the focus of the Soviet, and now Commonwealth, space programme since its launch in 1986.

Landslide kills 11 in China

PEKING (R) - A Landslide in northwest China's Lanzhou province Wednesday killed seven women and four men, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday. All the dead were

part of a contingent of 20 farmers doing casual labour at a brickworks at the base of a mountain slope when the ground above them started to move without warning. The other nine people -caped unburt.

French assembly approves immigrat: on law

PARIS (R) — Parliament approved a controversial bill Friday restricting the right of foreigners to enter and reside in France the latest in a series of moves by the new conservative government to curb immigration and crime. The 480 to 88 vote in the National Assembly (lower house) reflected the four-fifths majority enjoyed by Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's centre-right coalition. His government's bill was toughened up as right-wingers in the Assembly pushed through several amendments during debate this week. It now goes to the Senate (upper house) for approval. The planned law aims to curb clandestine immigration by clamping down on abuse of political asylum, marriages of convenience and family reunification. Foreigners sometimes use such methods to obtain the right to stay in France. Anti-racist and human rights groups, as well as the small Socialist and Communist opposition in parliament, have attacked the plan and called nationwide demonstrations against it.

Indian party rallies behind Rao

NEW DELHI (R) - India's Congress Party closed ranks further behind embattled Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao Saturday in the face of allegations that he accepted a suitcase of money from a stockbroker known as "Big Buli". The Congress Party's deputies in parliament passed a resolution expressing their "full faith" in the 71-year-old reformist prime minister, who had already won backing from his cabinet of ministers and a top policy-making party committee. But lawyers for Harshad Mehta, a swashbuckling broker known as "Big Bull", said they have evidence, including an audio tape, to prove Mr. Rao accepted a big campaign donation. Although Congress is railying behind Mr. Rao, it is almost certain to face a no-confidence motion when parliament reconvenes next month, analysts said. The 38-year-old Mr. Mehta, who once owned 30 cars, is free on bail and is fighting. charges of bribery, fraud and currency violations.

Haiti rulers condemn U.N. sanctions

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (R) - Haiti's military rulers Friday condemned a United Nations oil and arms embargo and expressed surprise that the sanctions came less than 48 hours after lawmakers had voted to recognise exiled Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president. Pro-military parliamentarians voted Tuesday to formally recognise Mr. Aristide as president under conditions that gave him no real power and left him in exile. The move was widely seen as an attempt by the military to forestall U.N. sanctions. In a communique broadcast on local radio — its first public acknowledgement of the U.N. sanctions — the army high command "has noted that the (U.N.) resolution was voted less than 48 hours after the National Assembly had voted the decree recognising President Aristide's legitimacy." The communique said the U.N. decision "puts the country in the incredible position to continue negotiations under the threat of sanctions which aim to aggravate the suffering of the Haitian people."

Sharif welcomes president's gesture

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has welcomed President Ghulam Ishaq Khan's move for mutual reconciliation in the wake of a power struggle, press reports said Saturday. "I am ready to meet with the president a hundred times in the interest of the country," influential Urdu daily newspaper Nawa-I-Waqat quoted Mr. Sharif as saying in response to Mr. Ishaq Khan's statement that he was eager to see him. The president said Friday he had submitted to the May 26 Supreme Court judgment a statement reversing the dissolution of the National Assembly and sacking of Mr. Sharif.

Elcibey expected to return to Baku

BAKU (AFP) -- Enbattled Azerbaijani President Abulfaz Elcibey, who fled from here over-night Friday to his hometown in the Azeri republic of Nakhichevan, was expected to return to his post in the capital, Foreign Minis-

try officials said Saturday. The press service of the Foreign Ministry said that Mr. Elcibey remained Azerbaijan's president but that for the time being he was in Nakhichevan, an autonomous republic sandwiched between Iran, Armenia and Turkey.

Meanwhile, rebel troops leyal to commander Suret Guseinov were refusing to drop demands for Mr. Elcibey's resignation, the Assa-Irada news agency reported.

The rebel troops had taken up positions about 80 kilometres outside of Baku and were facing government troops, according to

separate report by interfax. The report added that the Azerbaijani Defence Ministry had given the order to the government troops not to open fire on the rebels.

Karabakh.

Azerbaijani strongman Geidar Aliyev dispatched former Defence Minister Rahim Gaziyev to Gyandzha, the rebels' stronghold and the country's second largest city, to hold talks with Mr. Guseinov, Assa-Irada reported. Mr. Gaziyev was sacked by Mr.

Elcibey in February, three days before Mr. Guseinov was fired from his post as commander of Azeri forces in Nagorno-Mr. Aliyev, a former leader of

the Azerbaijani Communist Party who made a dramatic comeback this week when he was elected parliamentary speaker, was also

Mr. Elcibey and with representatives of political parties, Interfax The talks came after Mr. Aliyev told parliament on Friday

holding crisis negotiations with

that Mr. Elcibey remained Azerbaijan's president in what amounted to an about-turn from his earlier announcement on Azerbaijani Television that he was taking over as head of state, Mr. Elcibey travelled early Fri-

day morning to his native city of Ordubad in Nakichevan "on personal business," Russian Television reported on Friday. An earlier statement put out by

the presidential press service said that Mr. Elcibey was forced to flee the capital "to ensure his personal security" and "to prevent clashes from occurring in Baku.

U.S. admiral: 10 carriers may lead to problems

tagon proposal to cut the navy to 10 aircraft carriers could lead to longer deployments for sailors or a lack of U.S. military presence in certain areas of the world, the navy's top admiral warned.

Adm. Frank Kelso II, the navy's chief of naval operations, refused to criticise the proposal directly, offering instead a staunch defence of the service's reasoning for holding the line at a dozen of the powerful warships.

"I want to stay at 12," Adm. Kelso told reporters Friday. "I'm not saying it's a dumb idea. I'm saying I prefer to stay at 12." The proposal is one of the options being put forward in De- pelted with questions from sailors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon proposal to cut the navy to tom up review," which is also looking at cuts in other services. such as 10 active army divisions instead of 12, and 20 air force aircraft wings instead of 26.5. Adm. Kelso pointed to no-fly

zones in operation over Bosnia, as well as that continuing over Iraq, as evidence that America will be called upon more and more to police far-flung areas of the world. "We're going to be more in-

volved in peacekeeping in the days ahead. To me, it's an issue of employment in peace as much as anything else," Adm. Kelso The four-star admiral said he is

about potential nine-month deployments, and that he insists that won't happen. Such lengthy deployments sapped the navy more than a decade ago, when sailors left the service in droves.

"So the issue of how many carriers should we have is important in the personnel equation," Adm. Kelso said. "If you don't match force structure to what you're going to have for commitments, you squeeze people and readiness.

The admiral said "nine-month deployments ...over an extended period of time will get you poor retention. ... We've had that in the past, and we will have to adjust our operating patterns.

Tension mounts in Nigeria after polls

LAGOS (AFP) — Nigerian presidential candidate Moshood Abiola has declared himself the winner of elections and demanded the publication of the results by the National Electoral Commission (NEC), his party aides

Nigeria has been verging on crisis since the NEC suspended its release of the full results of the June 12 poll after a shadowy pressure group close to the ruling junta of President Ibrahim Babangida won a high court rul-

ing in Abuja. The action of the NEC is already causing serious tension, Mr. Abiola's Social Democratic Party (SDP) said in a statement late Friday. The party accused the NEC of "creating doubts"

about the military's willingness to hand over to civilians, as scheduled for Aug. 27.
"(The NEC has) exposed us to international ridicule," the SDP added.

Supporters of Mr. Abiola's rival, Bashir Othman Tofa of the National Republican Convention, demonstrated in the northern states of Niger, Kano and Kaduna, calling for the elections to be declared void, state televi-

sion reported.

Initial NEC results gave Mr. Abiola 4.3 million votes, well ahead of Tofa with 2.3 million. The SDP has published what it called complete results, unconfirmed by the NEC, which stated that Mr. Abiola had taken 8,028,756 votes, or 57.86 per cent

of the total cast, against 5,846,584 votes for Tofa, or 42.14 per cent. Senate Speaker Iyorchia Ayu and his House of Representatives counterpart, Agunwa Anaekwa, have called on General Babangida to order immediate publication of the results. Sen. Ayu and Mr. Anaekwa are both SDP

As other political and religious leaders appealed for calm, diplomats said they feared that Africa's most populous nation could be plunged into civil war.

members.

The high courts in Lagos, Benin City and Ibadan have ordered the NEC to publish the results before Sunday. But the NEC appears to be honouring the ruling of the court in Abuja, the

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - On June 30 you get an extra second tacked on to the day. One second will be added to the National Institute of Standards and Tech. nology's atomic timekeeping sys. nology's aware and at the U.S. of tem in Boulder and at the U.S. of tem in Washing. Naval Observatory in Washing ton, D.C., institute officials said The second is being added to the super-accurate atomic clocks which are the foundation of the world's timekeeping system, to world's timekeeping system, to keep them in sync with the Earth's rotation. The agency said the Earth's rotation is only accurate within one-thousandth of a second per day and has a tendency to speed up or slow down. The the government's newest atomic clock is accurate to within a few billionths of a second per day.
The extra second, which will come at midnight GMT or 8 p.m. edt on June 30, is the 18th "leap"

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disappeared 32 years ago, the Legal Daily said. Wu Guiqin, with the help of police, published a letter in the Legal Daily asking for any information leading to be son Lu Qingjun who went missay on Jan. 22, 1961. After receiving a tip, Wu recently got word from Xinjiang, in China's far west, that Lu was alive and well. She '2 would learned that a white slave trader Mina had taken her son when she was Inju away on business 32 years ago, a tree and eventually dumped him at a say is rail station after he became ill in and Tongshan in eastern China, 424 where a local woman later took in 🕏 🏗 γ the boy. He later joined the army the balle and was sent to Xinjiang, where was he got married and had a family. And Lu planned to return to see his mother in the near future, the

visitor walks into detention

appointment to visit.

stages hoax kidnap

Croatia looks to **Europe Championships** after loss in Cap D'Adga

CAP D'AGDE, France (AP) — Croatia's basketball team looked to the Euorpean Championships in basketball after its surprising loss at the hands of the Italian team at the Mediterranean

Italy beat Croatia, 77-74, in the final depriving the Croatian team a first major championship as an independent nation.

Yugoslavia had won European and world championships, coach Mirko Novosel had won an Olympic title in 1980, upsetting the Soviet Union in Moscow.

After the breakup of Yugoslavia, Croatia sought to make a name for itself.

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Croatia was the silver medalist behind the U.S. dream team at the Olympics last summer at Barcelona. It gave the American team a contest for most of the first half before the Americans went on to a 32-point victory at

This year the Croatians suffered more than a loss on court. Drazen Petrovic, its leader and captain, was killed in an automobile accident in Germany a week before the start of the basketball tournament. Petrovic was known as the man who put Croatian basketball on the map. He gained fame as a third-team NBA All-Star guard for the New Jersey

"Without Drazen Petrovic, the team isn't the same," said Boris Lalic, the president of the Croatian basketball team. "With a week off before the tournament, you couldn't expect miracles. We didn't have the same rythm against an excellent Italian

The Croatians were late in arriving to the basketball tournament to attend the Petrovic funeral. The opening game against France was rescheduled. Croatia also missed Toni Kukoc, who was the next star after Petrovic. He is having contract discussions with the Chicag-Bulls of the NBA after being

released from his Italian club. The loss denied the Croatians a chance to win the tournament named after its late captain, Petrovic. The Croatian players had black tape above the Croatian shield on their uniforms in his memory. Below the trophy was a poster of Petrovic in his honour. But it was Italy that went away

with the gold medal and the

Elbio regains Royal Ascot sprint crown

ASCOT, England (R) — Veteran Elbio roared back from injury with a blistering dash to overshadow the young pretenders and win back his Royal Ascot Sprint Championship Friday.

Darting up the rails, Elbio mas-

tered 11-10 on favourite Wolfhound by two lengths in the King's Stand Stakes, a race he won in 1991 and in which finished an unlucky third last year.

Elbio, at six-years-old the senior member of the field, had met with triple setbacks since his honourable fifth in the Breeders' Cup series in Miami last autumn. Trainer Peter Makin feared he was running out of time preparing

for the horse's favourite race. "You name it, he's had it." said Makin. "He went down with the blood disorder that hit most of my horses, pulled back mus-cles, then had problems with an infected ioint.

But the 12-1 chance was fit and well Friday and even caught jockey Walter Swinburn by surprise. "I couldn't believe how well he was travelling two-and-a-half fur-longs (500 metres) out." Swinburn said. "I was in serious danger of hitting the front too soon, so had to take a pull. His speed

Stefan Edberg

Stich, who beat Becker in the

annual Wimbledon warm-up and and Chang.

quarter finals, went on to win the

is running Edberg close in the

betting.

To win, the 1991 champion will

again at the quarter-final stage. The German duo are 3-3 in career

meetings but on grass Stich has

Becker had a miserable season

on clay after being out with injury

and illness for nearly two months

earlier in the season. That run

coach but back on grass and under the guidance of former

Davis Cup teammate Eric Jelen,

there were signs of a Becker

entrance and garage.

cost Gunther Bresnik his job as glory.

and the 1991 final.

against Michael Stich in the semi- Marc Gollner, the player the

To win, the 1991 champion will experience on grass amounted to probably have to beat Becker five years of cricket as a youngs-

won both matches - last week tilova's bid for a record tenth title

revival at Queen's. record and installed her as second seed — ensuring she avoids Steffi

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match against his compatriot Graf until the final.

"baby boom boom" after wins

this season over Edberg, Lendl

But the upsets were all on clay

and before Queen's, Gollner's

The women's competition will

be dominated by Martina Navra-

in what is almost certain to be an

emotional farewell appearance.
The 36-year-old American

could not have had a better

chance of going out in a blaze of

In the absence of Monica Seles,

still recovering from her on-court

stabbing in April, the seedings

committee bowed to the veteran's

Cinema

ter growing up in Australia.

World Cup preliminaries Jordan meet Pakistan, Iraq face China today

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN MEET Pakistan and China clash with Iraq Sunday, the final day of the Asian Group A qualifying matches for the 1994

The Jordanian team, who have had a series of disappointing results especially in the Second Leg of the tournament, will be aiming to score a morale-boosting win over the winless Pakistani

The Iraq-China clash will have no effect on the standings of the group, as Iraq have already secured qualification to the six-team second round, that will determine the two Asian teams which will go to the finals in the United States.

In addition to Iraq, Japan, Saudi Arabia, North Korea and South Korea have already qualified. The sixth team will be either

In their match against hosts, China, Iraq will seek to maintain their unbeaten streak after their impressive 4-0 wins over Pakistan and Jordan and a 3-0 win over Yemen in the Second Leg of the

The chinese team lost their chance to qualify after losing 1-0 to Yemen and Iraq in First Leg in Irbid. In their latest match they scored a 1-0 win over Yemen from a controversial penalty kick in the 86th minute.

STANDINGS

The win put China in second place.

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Yemen	8	3	2	3	12	13	8
Jerdau	7	1	3	3	7	15	5
Pakisten	7	0	0	7	2	31	0

Agassi risks 1st round exit at Wimbledon

LONDON (AFP) — In the 25 years since the All England Championships entered the Open era no champion has lost in the first round at Wimbledon. Andre Agassi could be about to end that

No holder has ever gone into the world's premier tournament as badly prepared as the American will be when he walks out to face Bernd Karbacher at 2:00

n.m. on Monday. In the last ten weeks Agassi has played a solitary match, losing in three sets to Carl-Uwe Steeb in Germany six days before he takes

his Wimbledon bow. The flamboyant Las Vegan, dogged by tendinitis in his right wrist all year, looked overweight and out-of-condition as he lost to an opponent he would have wiped off court this time last

vowed to keep this centre court Medvedev, seeded ten after appointment. "It is maybe a once in a lifetime, chance wildow. there and defend the title and I from Edberg, whom he outplayed am committed regardless," he

"If I lose at Wimbledon I will go down with every bit of effort and energy I have."

A mammoth effort could be equired. His German opponent has wins over Boris Becker and Michael Chang this season. If Agassi does survive Kara-

bacher, life should be easier up to a fourth round match with Dutchman Richard Krajicek. Returning the fastest serve in tennis will soon expose any lingering weakness in the eighth seed's wrist.

Krajicek was a French Open semi-finalist this year but for all his power has fallen at the third round stage in his two previous Wimbledons and succumbed to

with Omar Sharif & Tannah Hirsch

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Opening lead: Queen of & For almost two decades now, Jeff

Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell have

been one of the most successful pairs

on the world bridge scene. This

hand, played in the second round of

the Spingold Teams at the recent

Summer North American Champi-

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Australia's Wally Masur at Ros-

malen last week. Stefan Edberg, the bookmaker's favourite to add to his 1988 and 1990 titles, has had his odds reduced by his draw. The Swede, seeded second to Pete Sampras, will not meet a major grass court specialist before the semi-finals.

Thomas Muster, his scheduled fourth round opponent, has yet to win a match at Wimbledon while Ivan Lendi, due to face the Swede in the quarters, has given up all hope of ever winning the one Grand Slam to elude him.

And on his current dismal form, the Czech will be denied a crack at Edberg by Andrei Med-The 18-year-old Ukranian,

who makes his debut, says he has "about five minutes" experience on grass. But he still won't look more of a novice than Lendl does

completely in the quarter finals at Roland Garros

Another American in trouble is world number one Pete Sampras, who is now doubtful to start the tournament. But ever since he took over from Jim Courier as world number one in April, Sampras has had to face accusations that his Grand Slam record one win at the U.S. Open three years ago — is not worthy of the world's best.

Proving the critics wrong would not have been easy as an opener against Neil Borwick would lead the American to Jamie Morgan, a

far more deadly Australian. Morgan dumped Edberg out of the Queen's Club tournament last week and had four match points

At both tables the final contract

was four spades by South, after sim-

iler auctions. Note Meckstroth's de-

cision with the North hand to bid

three spades at his third turn rather than three no trump—his hand was well suited to a spade slam if that's

what South was angling for, and confirming three-card support could

be important.

The bad breaks in the major suits

resulted in the opposing South going down a trick at four spades.

Rodwell won the diamond opening in dummy with the king and imme-

diately took the losing heart finesse. West continued with a diamond to

the ace. The ace and king of clubs

and a heart, and declarer led a heart

to the jack and ace.

A heart was ruffed on the table

with the nine, and East could not

overruff. A club ruffed in hand was

followed by another spade ruff with

the seven, still too high for East to

overruff. With eight tricks in the bank, declarer simply led a trump to the jack. West could win the queen,

but no matter which trump the de-

fender returned, declarer was guar-anteed two more tricks and the

took care of the remaining diamond

SPORTS News in BRIEF

Russia's Chen breaks triple jump

MOSCOW (R) — Russia's Yolanda Chen broke the women's triple jump world record Friday with a leap of 14.97 metres at Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium. Chen set the mark on the second day of the Russian Athletics Championships, beating the previous record of 14.95 metres set by Ukraine's Inessa Kravets at the same stadium on June 10,

Women's volleyball gets big boost

HONG KONG (AFP) -More teams from Europe and South America will get the chance to play in the 1994 Women's World Volleyball Grand Prix. President of the International Volleyball Fedn (FTVB) Ruben A said Saturday two teams from Europe and two from South America would join the .tournament next year. "We will increase the number of teams from eight to 12 with two teams each qualifying from Europe and South America. We will also increase the prize money to one-and-a-half million U.S. dollars," he said.

Littbarski lifts Ichihara over

TOKYO (R) — German midfielder Pierre Littbarski scored the game's only goal after four minutes to earn Ichihara JEF United a 1-0 win over Hisoshima San Frecce in the Japan Soccer League on Saturday. Playing at a Soggy Ichihara Stadium, Littbarski scored with a crisp shot from seven metres, his fourth in the league this season. Defender Hiroshi Hirakawa and Argentine forward Ramon Angel Diaz scored a goal apiece for Yoko-hama Marinos in a 2-0 win over Kawasaki Verdy, but the League's top scorer remains Brazilian midfielder Alcindo

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Charles Barkiey leads the Suns' celebrations after scoring the precious

NBA finals

Suns keep championship series alive

"This was one of the worst nights of my life," said Grant, low. They blocked me off the offensive boards."

Meanwhile, Jordan had advice for distraught teammate Horace Grant: "Keep your head high and come back and redeem yourself

Grant was in tears after the "I was out of sync all night," ments." Chicago Bulls, aiming to clinch Grant said. "You have to tip your their third straight title before their home fans, lost to Phoenix, hat to Phoenix, they played hard. couldn't get it together. Now we have to go there and get

keeping the Suns in the running Jordan felt for Grant. feeling the worst of all of us," and only seven rebounds in game

aged only two points and two hang his head low. He should keep it high and come back That game will be played in

who had 17 points and 16 re- Phoenix and if the Bulls, who bounds in game 4. "I let my hold a 3-2 lead in the series, don't teammates down. It's a very dis-clinch it then, game 7 will be appointing loss, tough to swal- played there Wednesday night. "We felt they would try to shut

down the middle and shut down Grant had only one offensive my penetration because it really rebound and he didn't fare much hurt them the last game," said better defensively as Charles Jordan, who had 55 in the game 4 Barkley scored 24 points, most victory. "We didn't have the against him, in the first three lanes to penetrate which is a credit to their defensive adjust-

Jordan also felt the Bulis

"Sometimes the desire, heart and the energy to achieve is there, but the body and mind "Horace Grant is probably don't always act as one. We were a step slow, our reaction was slow Jordan said. "But he shouldn't and it showed."

Ardiles is new Tottenham manager

LONDON (AFP) — Argentinian he would not have left West off by Newcastle, who sacked him of West Bromwich Albion.

Grant was limited to one point

CHICAGO (AFP) — The Phoenix Suns kept the National Basketball Association cham-

pionship alive by spoiling the Chicago Bulls' premature victory

celebrations Friday. Victory would have been

Bulls, who led 3-1 before Friday's

fifth game in the best-of-seven

But the Suns hit back to win

108-98, despite another virtuoso

performance by Michael Jordan

Already averaging 42.6 points per game in the finals, Jordan

top-scored again with 41.
But an all-round performance

by the opposition — with Richard Dumas (25 points), Charles Bark-

ley (24) and Kevin Johnson (25)

No team has ever come back

from a 3-1 deficit to win the

championship series but the

Phoenix side are in no doubt they

Barkley said: "I believe it is

The only problem facing the

Suns in the next match Sunday

may be home advantage, for they

have lost all three encounters at

their America West Arena

The Suns never trailed in the second half Friday and managed

to keep their nerve when Jordan

launched a late rally, hitting two

free throws and a bank shot to

Johnson, however, responded immediately with a three-point

play to snuff out the comeback.

Barkley added after the game:

"God wants us to win the world

championships. I talked to him

close the gap to 99-92.

the other night.

in game 6."

for the NBA.

against the Bulls this season.

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can defy history.

our destiny to win."

division last season, agreed to the Midlands club. rejoin Spurs following a fourhour meeting with Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar Friday

"We welcome Ossie here," said Sugar. "We discused and agreed terms on a cotract that will last for four years and hopefully longer. The ball is in his hands

The announcement follows Sugar's legal victory over the sacking of Terry Venables as the London Club's chief executive.

Venables lost his high court application to be reinstated following his sacking by Sugar in a bitter struggle for control of the

The dismissal outraged Spurs fans and Sugar will no doubt be hoping that the appointment of Ardiles, who helped Tottenham win the FA Cup in 1981, will

appease supporters. However, Ardiles, who spent nine years with Spurs as a player in two spells, insisted that he had not been brought in as a peacemaker.

"I'm not here to appease the fans," he said. "I believe I'm here because I'm the right man for the job," he said. "The job is very, very simple — to put Tot-tenham back where they belong." The South American insisted

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Ossie Ardiles returned to English Bromwich for any other team, giants Tottenham Hotspur Satur-day as manager after walking out

However, West Bromwich The 40-year-old from Cordoba, chairman Trevor Summers was who guided Albion into the first furious with Ardiles for quitting

"We didn't give him permi sion to speak to Spurs," stormed Summers. "He just walked out on the club. We didn't want him to go and I tried very hard to

persuade him to stay. "But his mind was made up. He said that he wouldn't leave to join anyone other than Spurs, but that doesn't matter to me."

Summers will now be seeking compensation from Spurs. Ardiles had not signed a contract at the Hawthorns, but had agreed

a verbal three-year deal, which still had two years left to run. He was unable to put pen to paper, as he was still being paid from holiday."

in February 1992. Those payments are due to be completed next month. There will be no return to

Tottenham, however, for former boss Keith Burkinshaw, who ori-Ardiles's assistant at Albion was appointed manager at the Hawthorns on Saturday.

The futures of Doug Livermore and Ray Clemence, the Tottenham coaches who were given responsibility for team affairs after Venables joined Sugar in the takeover of the club, are less

Ardiles said: "I have one or two options in mind but i will talk to Ray Clemence next week and Doug Livermore as scon as he returns next week and Doug Livermore as soon as he returns



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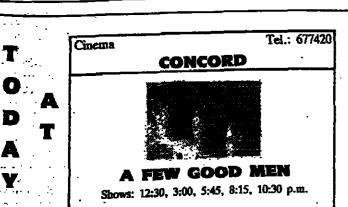
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Baghdad links U.N. monitoring with lifting of sanctions

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iraq not put more political conditions said Saturday that it was willing on Iraq," the statement said. to consider long-term U.N. moni toring of its weapons systems but only with assurances that compliance would lead to a lifting of economic sanctions

The state-run Iraqi News Agency (INA), monitored in Nicosia, reported that Baghdad's U.N. mission had issued a statement saying: "It is unjust to ask everything from Iraq in return for

nothing."
On Friday, the U.N. Security Council said Iraq was breaking Gulf war ceasefire commitments by preventing weapons inspectors from installing surveillance cameras at missile test sites.

The U.N. Special Commission, charged with ensuring that Iraq refrains from building weapons of mass destruction, says it needs the cameras to make sure Iraq will not develop missiles with a range greater than 150 kilometres

(see page 2).
After the 1991 Gulf war that liberated Kuwait, the U.N. Security Council ordered the dismantling of Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction and ability to produce them. These included biological and chemical weapons, a nulcear weapons programme and long-range ballistic missiles.

Iraq has said it does not object to the principle of using the cameras but to the legal justification for them. It contends the cameras are not authorised under the main Gulf war ceasefire resolution 687, but under another, No. 715 on long-term monitoring of Iraq's weapons programmes. Iraq says Resolution 715 is still under negotiation and it is not bound by its terms.

The statement reported Saturday said Iraq had fulfilled the "vital parts" of its obligations under Resolution 687, yet there invasion of Kuwait.

It said Baghdad was ready to coordinate compliance on Resolution 715 with the special commission "if the Security Council showed its readiness to study lifting the embargo.

carry out its commitments and weapons."

Aziz heads for Geneva

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz left Amman for Geneva Saturday for talks with U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghaofficials said.

The Iraqi official did not speak to reporters before leaving.
U.N. sources said Dr. Ghali was expected to raise a longstanding U.N. proposal to let Iraq sell limited amounts of oil under U.N. supervision to raise money for food and medicine and pay Gulf war reparations.

Israel's nuclear weapons

Iraq has complained to the United Nations that Israel has confirmed it possesses nuclear weapons but that the Security Council displayed a double standard by doing nothing about it. In a letter to the council president published Friday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Said Al Sahaf cited a recent speech by Israeli Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur on the 12th anniversary of Israel's attack on an Iragi nuclear reactor.

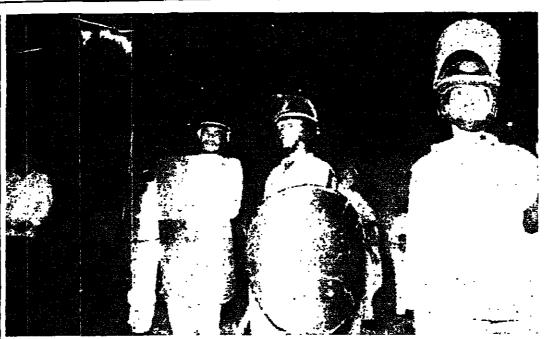
Mr. Gur was quoted as having said that Arab leaders must realise that a nuclear attack on Israel could not be to their advantage because "we are capable of responding a hundredfold."

Mr. Sahaf said this was "unequivocal and indubitable confirmation that Israel does have nuclear weapons and that it possesses a large stock of them." General Mordechai Gur speaks

clearly and shamelessly of the hundreds of nuclear strikes that Israel can make against the Arab countries," the Iraqi minister

was not sign the Security Council
was willing to lift the trade
embargo imposed after the 1990

Referring to the Gulf war resolution calling for the scrapping
of Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction, he said the Security Council had done nothing about another part of the same resolution saying this represented "steps towards the goal of estab-lishing in the Middle East a zone free from weapons of mass des-'Iraq is ready to carry out the truction and all missiles for their rest of its commitments. The delivery and the objective of a Security Council must be ready to global ban on chemical



Egyptian security forces block streets in the Shubra district of Cairo Friday night after a bomb exploded at a construction site (AFP photo)

Seven dead, 65 detained as Cairo blast sparks protests

CAIRO (Agencies) — Police Saturday detained 65 suspects after a bomb packed with nails went off in a crowded slum district of the Egyptian capital and killed seven people, sparking protests against Islamic militants.

The blast late Friday, the eighth in Cairo so far this year, targetted the northern district of bra. It ripped through a workers' shed used by French engineers on the site of a new subway line.

Police raided several districts of the capital and rounded up 65 Muslim fundamentalists on suspicion of involvement in the bomb-

Seven Egyptians were killed and 20 wounded, including four who were listed Saturday in critical condition. Two of the dead were children. There was no immediate claim

of responsibility but the official news agency MENA said the bomb appeared to be of a sort used in previous blasts blamed on Islamic militants. The bomb, made up of TNT,

sprayed nails which were found embedded in nearby walls and also started a fire. Most of the casualties were in a cafe.

Residents of Shubra, home to one million inhabitants, held protests late Friday to denounce the escalation of violence.

The latest attack came just hours after Defence Minister down on Muslim fundamentalist Hussein Tantawi warned the army would be deployed "if cial said. long campaign by Islamic militants to overthrow the government.

We have found out that terrorists are receiving instructions in letters in Upper Egypt, 23-year-old mailed from abroad "the official Abroad Zaki was about 15 and 15 a

main "vigilant" and "could inter-vene if the situation required it," In the last bombing, also

blamed on the militants., two Egyptians were killed and six British tourists injured on June 8 on the road to the Pyramids. In the southern city of Assiut, a

centre of Islamic extremism, two people were killed and three wounded Saturday when gunmen tried to assassinate the head of the local police intelligence unit, police said.

were among the wounded and a second aide was killed in the attack at the city's main rail station, said an officer. The second dead man was one of the gunmen, hit when police returned

Police said the attempt on Col. Makary's life was believed linked to his discovery two days earlier of a shipment of explosives headed from Assiut to Cairo. In Friday night's Cairo blast,

the opposition Al Wafd newspaper speculated that the explosives could have been aimed at the French contractors. But the blast came at night on a holy day when neither French nor Egyptian workers were at the site.

The Egyptian authorities meanwhile decided to control all foreign mail as part of a crackunrest, an Interior Ministry offi-

"We have found out that ter-

In May the authorities decided to restrict telephone and telefax links from Afghanistan, Iran. Pakistan and Sudan, as part of the campaign to combat Islamic

Egyptian Islamic militant leaders are suspected of living in these countries.

Islamic militant Sarwat Sayed Hamad, 22, was killed in a shootout with police in Assiut after he was stopped for an identity check in the city's train station.

Mr. Hammad and a colleague Lieutenant-Colonel Ahmad who later fled opened fire on Makary, a bystander and an aide policemen, killing one and

Police said the militants belonged to the outlawed Al Gama'a Al Islamiyeh and described Mr. Hammad as "one of the most dangerous terrorists and a leader of the Gama'a who took part in several terrorist attacks."

The Gama'a has led the yearlong campaign to destabilise the government, with the tourism industry bearing the brunt of their

The militants have stepped up their campaign in recent months, at the risk of unpopularity among the poorest sector of Egyptian society which sympathises with their cause and benefits from social welfare programmes run by Muslim fundamentalists.

A military court sentenced seven militants to death in April and ordered jail terms for 25 others after finding them guilty of several of the a tracks.

A militant leader believed to police raid in Assiut on March 17.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Non-aligned resist human rights campaigns

TOKYO (AFP) — Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) information ministers have vowed to fight the use of human rights to exert "political pressure" on their countries, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored here, said Saturday. At a four-day meeting, which ended in North Korea's capital of Pyongyang on Friday, the ministers also expressed concern over what they called a growing trend for "informal, non-transparent" negotiations in the United Nations, Pyongyang's official KCNA said. The fourth conference of NAM information ministers, attended by delegates from 23 countries, adopted a declaration, alleging that mass media in developed countries "ignore the interests of and distort the events in non-aligned and developing nations," KCNA said. Also in the declaration, they said: "Human rights should not be used as a means of political pressure upon non-aligned countries."

Pakistani 'spy' arrested in India

NEW DELHI (AFP) — A Pakistani spy who has alleged links with Sikh and Muslim separatists in India was arrested here as he was on his way to Nepal, the New Delhi police said Saturday. Mohammad Sharif, 33, was caught late Friday at the main railway station shortly before he was to leave for the northern Indian town of Gorakhpur, Delhi Police Commissioner Mukund Kaushal told reporters. The suspect was a member of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and was carrying an Indian passport and driving licence bearing the name Pawar Kumar Sharma, Mr. Kaushal said.

Moroccan tribunal fines newspaper

RABAT (R) - A Rabat tribunal has ordered the Moroccan daily Al Alam (the flag) to pay a 300,000-dirham (\$34,000) fine for libelling a lawyer, a spokesman for the Moroccan Human Rights Association said. The tribunal also sentenced an Al Aram reporter to a two-month suspended jail term and fined both the reporter and the paper's editor 1,000 dirhams (about \$110). Lawyer Mohammad Zianem, a member of the pro-government Union Constitutionelles Party, brought the case against Al Alam over its report on drug trafficking in the northern town of Tangier.

Tamil rebels agree to release 39 hostages

COLOMBO (AFP) — Tamil separatist guerrillas Saturday agreed to release 39 security personnel they have held for three years. a military spokesman said. The surprise gesture by the guerrillas to free all their hostages in one go was seen as a move that could bring the warring sides closer to resuming peace negotiations. But the decision by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) conveyed through the International Committee of the Red Cross, baffled the military, which had been trying to negotiate the captives' release for six months.

Iran plans for Central Asia links

CRANS, Switzerland (R) — Iran Saturday outlined an ambitious plan for transport and communications links with the former Soviet states of Central Asia and the Caucasus to be built over the next decade. Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told an international conference at this Swiss mountain resort Tehran had set trade and cooperation with its newly independent neighbours and other states in the region as one of its top priorities. "Our utmost desire and wish is for peace and stability in the region... this can be best achieved through a policy of cooperation for development," Mr. Velayati declared. He said Iran was already embarked on a comprehensive programme of building roads, bridges across border rivers and opening frontier posts on borders which were largely closed until the collapse of the old Soviet Union. Among the projects were roads into Turkmenistan which could provide an axis for overland communications between all five new Central Asian states and Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The nine countries and Transcaucasian Azerbaijan for the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) which aims to promote regional social and economic development.

Hekmatyar still absent from Kabul

CHARASIAB, Afghanistan (AFP) — Afghan Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar held a special commission meeting outside Kabul Saturday, scotching rumours that he would convene a cabinet meeting in the capital. Mr. Hekmatyar, who for security reasons was inaugurated two days ago in a secret ceremony to the west of Kabul, sent his newly appointed administrative officer to visit the prime minister's office in the capital. Meanwhile, he chaired a meeting of the Interior Ministry commission at his Charasiab headquarters 25 kilometres to the southeast. "The prime minister's administrative officer Gulbuddin Hilal was in Kabul today, but no final decision has yet been reached when the PM himself will go," said Abdul Saboor, Mr. Hekmatyar's Charasiab

Israeli vessels diverted by U.S. navy

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - The U.S. Navy enforcing a three-year-old embargo against Iraq, has diverted two Israeli-flagged vessels bound for Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat, a navy spokesman disclosed Saturday. "We're consistent and we're unbiased. Vessels of all nations, including the United States, are subjected to inspections," said the spokesman, Bruce Cole, commenting on the interception of Israeli vessels, the least likely to be trading in any form with Iraq. Israeli press reports recently complained that naval interceptions were hindering the trade flow to Israel. Lieutenant-Commander Cole said the Israeli-flagged container ships Zim Osaka and Zim Venezia were intercepted and diverted respectively Monday and Tuesday. Cargo on deck had been stacked more than three rows high in violation of regulations, which had been communicated to shipping companies worldwide.

Guerrillas attack Israeli allies in South Lebanon

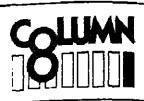
MARIAYOUN, Lebanon (R) - Guerrillas attacked an Israelibacked militia post in South Lebanon Saturday and Israeli and allied forces hit back with artillery fire, security sources said. The guerrillas fired anti-tank missiles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar bombs at the South Lebanon Army (SLA) position in Shoumariyeh hill on the tip of Israel's self-declared "security zone," they said. Israeli and SLA artillery retaliated by lobying about 10 heavy shells near a cluster of villages where guerrillas of the pro-Iranian group Hizbollah operate north of the buffer zone. No casualties were reported. Hizbollah's military wing, the Islamic Resistance, claimed responsibility for the attack in which it said its forces destroyed a tank.

Gulf police seize one tonne of hashish

RIYADH (AFP) — Saudi and Kuwaiti police have recently seized a tonne of hashish which was destined for sale in Kuwait, the Saudi newspaper Okaz reported Saturday. The drug traffickers were arrested in Kuwait which they entered from Saudi Arabia, the daily said quoting the assistant director of the Saudi narcotics bureau. Darwish Fakhiha. The number and nationalities of the suspects were not revealed.

Cuban foreign minister visits Peking

PEKING (AFP) - Cuban Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina Gonzalez arrived here Saturday for a one-week visit at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Qian Qichen, Xinhua news agency reported. Mr. Robaina was met at the airport by Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu. The two foreign ministers are expected to discuss bilateral ties, regional and international issues, as well as the domestic situation in their respective countries, the official agency said. Mr. Qian, also Chinese vice premier, said Thursday the Cuban foreign minister's visit offered a "good chance" to promote the development of bilateral relations, adding the two sides could discuss ways to further econcomic cooperation. Cuba was the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China in 1960, but relations between the two communist nations soon turned sour after the rupture between Peking and Moscow.



Japanese minister gets \$100 bill as **birthday** present

TOKYO (AP) — Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi, who has been fighting against speculative moves daily on the foreign exchange market, received a \$100 bill from his daughter as a birthday gift. "It's up to papa whether itel it will gain further value or not," Hayashi's daughter Reiko wrote in a short message to her father, who turned 66. Mr. Hayashi, his son and a secretary to his father. said Reiko chose the U.S. note as a symbolic gift to their father. who has been struggling to stem the Japanese yen's rapid rise against the dollar in recent

General who ridiculed Clinton to retire

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The air force general who ridicaled President Bill Clinton during a speech in Europe will retire after accepting a fine and reprimand, the U.S. Air Force said. Major General Harold Campbell agreed 5 to retire on July 1 after an air enocks force investigation found he violated military rules forbidding contempt for the president. Gen. Campbell, a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, called Mr. Clinton a "pot-smoking" "woma- 2 % dan nising," and "draft-dodging" "mand commander-in-chief at m. areas and "smooth". commander-in-chief at an awards banquet several weeks ago in the Netherlands. In a letter to the Defence Secretary Les Aspin Air Force Chief of Staff General Market Merrill McPeak said the decision sauce is "will sustain integrity and respect at 200 for the chain of command." Mr. 3 8 th Clinton said of the decision, "I sae South think General McPeak handled it and and in the appropriate fashion."

U.S. taxpayers will not finance Chelsea's Japan visit

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The THE TOTAL White House said U.S. taxpayers was ? won't pay the extra costs for anilaro Chelsea Clinton and some friends at a trans if President Bill Clinton decides simme: to take his daughter along to with a Japan, Korea and Hawaii next at the month. Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said it hasn't been decided whether Chelsea and her pais will wats Ire accompany her dad and mother. In any event, their ground costs, There meaning hotels, food and trans an about the federal government," Mark and the free if they accompany the presidents and the federal government, and the free if they accompany the presidents. Traditionally, presidents and the federal government, and the free if they accompany the presidents. are allowed as many "official a zie the guests" as they want on the presidential Jumbo Jetliner, which Tim hor has plenty of seats. - mur 3146 355

Priest accused of mental incompetence carried away

₹ i march OMAHA, Nebraska (AFP) - A Roman Catholic priest accused of mental incompetence was carried ampacis Friday after ignoring a court to pea order to quit as pastor, witnesses said. Six sheriff's deputies carried IR away the priest, Richard Ciurel & Remos from Saint Peter's Church in Omafrom Saint Peter's Church in Omaha. "He was screaming and they a remote
had him up off the ground and they are they had put something over his properties they had put something over his properties and they had been they had asked him to seek mental help asked him to seek mental help Critics in his congregation said of the local seek mental help asked him to seek mental help ask Fr. Ciurej was too busy for wed-Fr. Clure was too busy for weddings and services for the infirm dings and services for the minute of the because he was redoing the wir a Contact of the church? because he was redoing the war as capting and plumbing at the church and plumbing at the church also installed surveillance fields.

Answering machine to arrest of suspect

ST. PAUL. Minnesota (AFP) — Min il kill A gruesome message left be page A gruesome message left by pressing apparently by mistake on a court ple's answering machine, saying flowes. I've killed my caretaker. He's inlegate the refrigerator," led to the arrest this week of a murder suspect dialed a wrong number and left at taped confession on the answer ing machine of Lisa and Brian Manne Bram of suburban Eagan, Minno Sota. The couple did not know the Mr. Perlamenter Mr. Perlmutter.

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5. Pathology	Jordan University School
	of Engineering (Hall B)
4. Surgery	Jordan University School
Gynecology	of Engineering (Hall A)
3. Obstetrics and	Jordan University School
2. Orthopaedic Surgery	Marriott Hotel
Diseases	Medical Centre
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King Hussein Medical Centre Marriott Hotel Orthopaedic

Surgery 3. Gastroenterology

4. Obstetrics and

Gynecology 5. Pediatrics

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Thursday June 24, 1993 Location

1 .Cardiovascular Diseases 2. Oncology

Urology

King Hussein Medical Centre Jordan University School of Engineering (Hall A) Jordan University School Nephrology and of Engineering (Hall A) Jordan University School Endocrinology

of Engineering (Hall B)

All sessions are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All doctors are welcome, no registered fee is required to attend the scientific sessions.

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AMMAN - The Muslim Brotherhood movement Saturday criticised the government over the recent increase in the price of kerosene and power tariffs in line with Jordan's economic restructuring programme and accused the executive authority of going beyond what it described as a caretaker capacity.

It was the latest salvo against the government of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali by the Brotherhood, which is locked in a conflict with the Cabinet over the 20-month-old peace process and possible changes to the Election Law.

The Brotherhood, which rejects any dealings with Israel. opposes the peace process saying negotiations with the Jewish state cannot produce an equitable settlement to the Palestinian conflict.

The Islamists, who have the largest parliamentary wing with 23 seats in the 80-member Lower House, also rule out any government-introduced changes to the Election Law. They argue that any amend-ment to the law should have parliamentary endorsement.

"As soon as this government took office, it moved to increase the prices of basic commodities such as fuel (kerosene) by 20 per cent and electricity by 14 per cent in addition to 19 other items," a statement issued by the Brotherhood said Saturday.

"The increases add to the burden of the poor, who are already straining under high costs of living." added the statement. "We would like to remind the government of the piedges

made by previous governments that prices of basic commodities will not be increased without parliamentary approval. the statement said. It accused the government of ignoring the existence of Par-

liament and using the recess of

Parliament to implement its

Parliament recessed in March ahead of the next elections, expected to be held later this year. Deputies maintain that their term does not expire until the elections and as such the government is dutybound to call an extraordinary session if needed to discuss important

However, a Brotherhoodled effort to get 41 signatories from the House to demand an extraordinary session has not borne fruit.

The sharpest attack against the Majali government, which took office May 29, came in the context of what the Brotherhood sees as a limited mandate given to the Cabinet.

The letter of appointment given to Dr. Majali by His Majesty King Hussein is interpreted by the Brotherhood and similar groups as designating the government as transitional and entrusting it with supervising the next general elections and maintaining and accelerating the peace process.
"We remind the government

of its temporary status which does not allow it to adopt policies that are adopted by more permanent govern-ments," said the Brotherhood statement

Dr. Majali and members of his Cabinet have rejected the assertion that the government has only a caretaker capacity. They have warned against taking it for granted that the government would resign after the elections and affirmed that the possibility of it continuing in office after the polls has not

been precluded. No government official was have said that the price in-

immediately available for comment on the latest Brotherhood criticism. But officials crease have built-in provisions to ensure that the poor are not They say that a mechanism to compensate genuine users of

kerosene will spare the poorer class and point out that the

hike in power tarriffs applies only to consumers of 300 kilo-

watts or more per month - a

parameter seen as not applicable to the low-income group. They also maintain that the changes to the consumption

law structure do not mean an immediate increase in prices since the tax was already in force for more than one year. The goods covered under the levy, they say, are not basic commodities.

The officials say that the

implementation of these measures were inevitable since they were part of Jordan's economic recovery programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Without adopting these actions, they argue, Jordan could not hope to secure the manda-tory IMF certification for its debt rescheduling talks and have access to a \$160 million World Bank/Japanese credit. The Brotherhood statement,

issued in the name of the parliamentary bloc of the movement, did not refer to the government explanations. A leftist group, the Jordanian Democratic People's Party, issued a similar statement last week, criticising the price

increases.

The Brotherhood, however, did not seek to assume a championing role against the price hikes. It called on "all our colleagues in Parliament and all political forces and groups to declare their opposition to the present government's policies and try to change them."

It said that the price increases had wiped the positive impact of the recent increments given to civil servants and insisted that "any price increases should go hand in hand with raising the standard of living.

The statement argued that the price increases will reduce consumption and as a result no new investments would be forthcoming.

"Increases in cost of living," said the statement, 'will lead to insecurity and instability in society - an outcome that will abort World Bank and IMF